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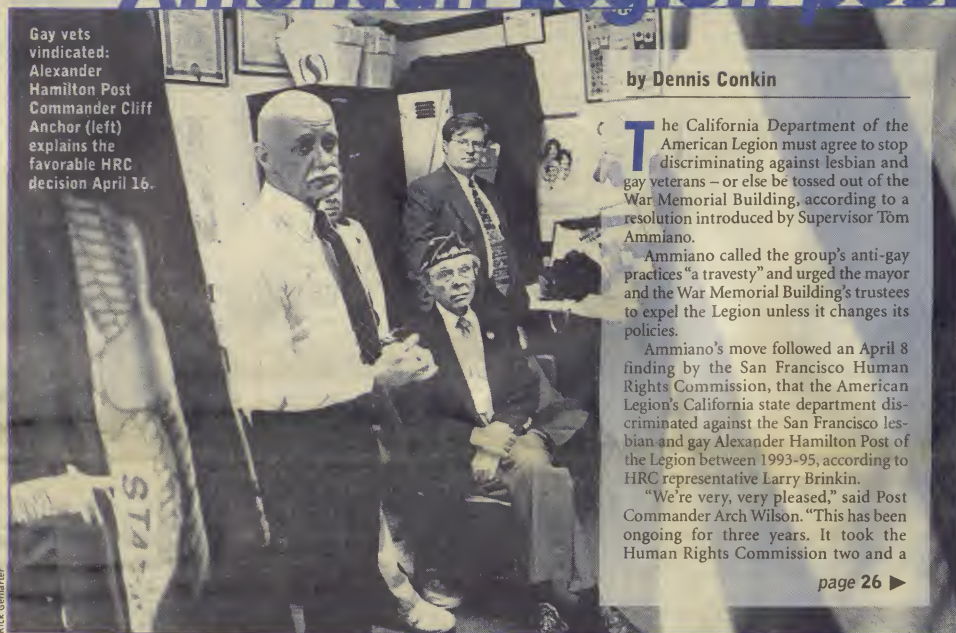


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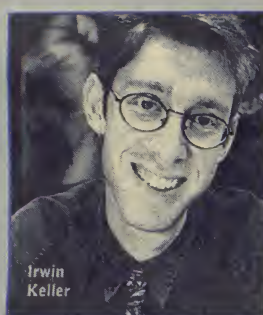
The California Department of the American Legion must agree to stop discriminating against lesbian and gay veterans – or else be tossed out of the War Memorial Building, according to a resolution introduced by Supervisor Tom Ammiano.

Ammiano called the group's anti-gay practices "a travesty" and urged the mayor and the War Memorial Building's trustees to expel the Legion unless it changes its policies.

Ammiano's move followed an April 8 finding by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, that the American Legion's California state department discriminated against the San Francisco lesbian and gay Alexander Hamilton Post of the Legion between 1993-95, according to HRC representative Larry Brinkin.

"We're very, very pleased," said Post Commander Arch Wilson. "This has been ongoing for three years. It took the Human Rights Commission two and a

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Irwin  
Keller

## Keller heads AIDS Legal Referral Panel

by Dennis Conkin

Longtime AIDS legal advocate Irwin Keller became the director of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, the oldest HIV legal service group in the country, on April 18.

Keller, a University of Chicago Law School graduate, is the author of the 1988 Chicago Ordinance on Human Rights, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, military discharge status, and source of income.

A former associate of Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges, a San Francisco law firm, Keller joined ALRP in 1992 as the director of the agency's benefits program, where he specialized in insurance issues, government benefits, and debt relief for people with HIV and AIDS.

"Legal matters are difficult at any time," Keller said. "When compounded by AIDS or HIV they can be devastating."

With a staff of 12 and a budget of \$500,000, ALRP provided pro bono legal assistance to an estimated 3,000 clients last year in more than 20 areas of law – including insurance and government benefits, housing, wills, durable power of attorney, and other areas of specialty.

As the face of AIDS changes, so do the long-term needs of ALRP clients, Keller told the Bay Area Reporter.

"As more women are living with HIV, we see more problems concerning children," he said, "because most of the women we see with HIV have children."

According to Keller, access to healthcare – and insurance payments for AIDS treatments – remain critical issues for people with AIDS, as do right-wing legislative attempts to abridge civil rights.

"We're seeing a resurgence of HIV-related discrimination," he said, "and we're seeing a cycle of legislative attempts to create mandatory HIV testing and mandatory names reporting." ▼

AIDS Legal Referral Panel can be reached at (415) 291-5454.

## One more piece of the puzzle?

## Berkeley doc: Contaminated polio vax may be AIDS cofactor

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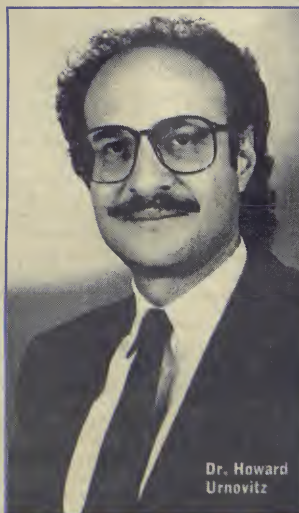
by Bob Roehr

A California research scientist is pointing to polio vaccine as a possible cofactor in AIDS, chronic fatigue syndrome, Gulf War Syndrome, and other chronic diseases that have emerged in the last decades. Dr. Howard B. Urnovitz, chief science officer of Calypso Biomedical based in Berkeley, said, "This is coming towards a unified field theory for AIDS."

He presented aspects of his theory in testimony March 28 before a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee investigating Gulf War Syndrome, and on April 12 at the 8th Annual Houston Conference on AIDS in America.

Urnovitz focuses on retrotransposons, parts of normal genes that may play a role in creating "molecular memory," the immune system's way of remembering exposure to infection and the response necessary to fight that infection. Detection of antibodies to these retrotransposons indicates an underlying breakdown of the immune system.

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Dr. Howard  
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# Bay Area transgender law group elects officers, sets goals

by Cynthia Laird

Officers have been elected for the Bay Area's first transgender law association, and members of the new group are hoping to provide assistance to the trans community, although a definite plan is still being explored.

More than a dozen people attended the Bay Area Transgender Law Association and Workshops (BATLAW) meeting Saturday, April 20 in Berkeley. Members talked about working out an arrangement with the Pacific Center to possibly provide a legal clinic-type of service at the facility. However, that idea is still in the initial planning stages.

Members also heard from Phyllis Frye, executive director of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Frye, from Houston, was in town attending the National Gay Lesbian Task Force's fifth annual Out and Equal in the '90s conference.

The group also took the important step of electing officers for the organization. Vicky Kolakowski, a Berkeley patent attorney, was selected as chair. Other officers are Melinda Whiteway, membership coordinator; Jano Bogg, treasurer; and Sandy Kasten, secretary.

### 'Demonstrated discrimination'

Amy Wooldridge, director of volunteer services at the Pacific Center, attended the meeting to discuss the possibilities of BATLAW using the center to host



Berkeley patent attorney and BATLAW Chair Vicky Kolakowski.

some form of legal service program for members of the transgender community. People at the meeting agreed there is a great need for some sort of service.

"The Pacific Center would be extremely interested in getting service going," Wooldridge said.

Kolakowski noted that when she served on the Berkeley Human Welfare Commission last year, that group approved a non-discrimination measure aimed at the transgender community.

"The city attorney sent it back [to the commission] stating we hadn't demonstrated discrimination exists," Kolakowski said. "This service would also provide evidence from outside of San Francisco of the discrimination we face, which would also help us in lobbying for Senator Marks's bill."

She was referring to SB 1964, transgender civil rights legislation authored by Democratic state Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco. The bill is now stalled in Sacramento.

James Green, head of FTM International in Oakland, said he favors the group setting up workshops that would be geared toward offering services to other lawyers.

Frye praised the group, noting that BATLAW is the only other transgender legal association in the world besides the law conference she runs.

"I am excited about this organization," she said.

Frye said she sees progress in getting the term transgender included in various literature and laws. For example, she noted that the National Gay Lesbian Task Force, which hosted the conference in San Francisco last week-end, is now transgender-inclusive.

"We have a lot of lesbian, gay, and bisexual friends but there is still a lot of resistance to transgendered," Frye noted, adding her group is working for full inclusion of the transgender community. "There's no excuse for leaving us out." ▼

# City guards against meth house reopening

by Dennis Conkin

The owners of a now-vacant Castro area drug house have posted the property with drug use warnings, and must abate all building code violations at the site, a Superior Court judge ordered April 11.

Cedric and Bernice Yap, the elderly absentee landlords who own the house at 4197 17th Street, at the corner of Douglass Street in the Castro area, must also check to see that prospective tenants have good credit and no arrest records, according to the terms of preliminary injunction.

The owners must also hire a property manager and take a property management course if they lease the property again.

The tenants were evicted on March 27 by the San Francisco Sheriff's department, after not paying rent on the property for 18 months and openly using and selling methamphetamine and other drugs at the site, which also

housed an illegal sex club.

The required property notices, which have already been posted, explicitly warn about drug use at the site.

"These premises are under court order not to be used for the sale of illegal drugs. No illegal drugs will be sold or given to any persons entering or leaving these premises. These premises are being watched by the San Francisco Police Department to assure compliance with this order. A violation of this order could subject you and the occupants of this location to civil or criminal penalties," the notices state.

Under the terms of the court order sought by the City Attorney's Office, the signs must be posted on all sides of the building and on every exterior door.

"These are all remedial measures to assure that the property will not revert back to being a drug house," Assistant City Attorney Karen Carrera told the Bay Area Reporter.

"They must also repair or

abate all code violations at the 17th Street site," she added. "There are 20 or more violations of health and building codes on the property. Some of them are extremely serious."

The code violations must be corrected by June, according to the court order.

Carrera expressed compassion for the elderly owners of the property, both of whom are more than 80 years old and live in Hawaii, but said that although they were aware of — and responsible for — the problems at the site since November 1994, they ignored the situation until court intervention was necessary.

The order also requires that the Yaps immediately board up the portion of the premises used as a sex club to protect it from entry.

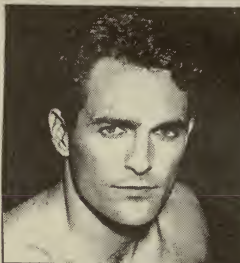
Neighbors in the area last year received more than \$40,000 in small claims judgments against the Yaps, but remain critical that it took the city two years to evict the squatters at the site. ▼

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# Gay former Cal National Guard members to sue

by Dennis Conkin

**G**ay former California Army National Guard Lieutenant Andrew Holmes will file a class action sexual orientation discrimination suit against the military branch and other state military entities, his attorney announced Monday, April 22.

The action comes less than a month after U.S. District Court Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong ruled March 29 that Holmes's discharge under federal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" gay servicemembers' guidelines violated his constitutional rights to free speech and equal protection.

Holmes was discharged after he sent a letter declaring his homosexual sexual orientation to his commanding officer in July 1993.

According to Holmes's attorney, J. Kuo of the law firm Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk and Rabkin, the suit seeks other lesbian or gay discharged former members of the California National Guard and State Military Reserve to join in a class action suit challenging discrimination by the state against Guard members. California state law prohibits anti-gay discrimination in employment.

"This lawsuit will stop the state from complying with discriminatory federal regulations that are contrary to California law," Kuo said. "All communications will remain strictly confidential."

The lawsuit could have widespread ramifications, Kuo said, since federal funding of the CANG is tied to enforcement of the anti-gay military policy compromise adopted by the Clinton administration.

## 'To live a lie'

Kuo and two other associates



Andrew Holmes (center) and two of his attorneys chat April 20 at a servicemembers' legal defense network party.

from Howard, Rice will represent plaintiffs in the class action lawsuit on a pro bono basis. As openly gay members of the law firm, they feel a special responsibility toward the case, according to associate Elizabeth Scott.

"We want to tell the stories of gay men and women who have faced discrimination in their efforts to serve their state and country as members of the California National Guard," Scott said. "Like Lieutenant Holmes, many of them no longer want to live a lie."

Scott said that the law firm had a long tradition of pro bono representation of individuals whose civil rights have been violated.

The case could drag out in trial court for at least a year and a half if the state of California defendants "fight the case tooth and nail," Kuo told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

"I imagine it could take a year and a half unless the California defendants suddenly decide to roll over and die," he said.

Kuo had especially strong criticism of California State Attorney

General Dan Lungren, and wondered whether he would appoint "a more seasoned attorney" to handle the state's defense.

The state attorney general's office was so embarrassed by the outrageous comments of Deputy State Attorney General Andrew Loomis, who was assigned to the case last year, that Lungren removed him from it altogether.

Loomis, who compared Holmes and his homosexual orientation to cannibalism, bestiality, and pedophilia, was also criticized by Armstrong in her exhaustive 59-page brief ordering Holmes reinstated. ▼

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# SF City College keeps ROTC ban

by Mary Ann Swissler

**P**roponents of a return of the U.S. military's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) to the San Francisco City College campus will have to wait for the Department of Defense to lift its ban on homosexuals and bisexuals in the military.

That's the word from San Francisco City College board president Leslie Katz, after an April 9 meeting that drew 100 people on both sides of the issue.

After listening to students who disagreed with the military's anti-gay policy but still value the college scholarships they can get through ROTC involvement, and gay activists including Gay Studies Department Jonathan Katz, who threatened to resign if the ban on ROTC was lifted, a previously scheduled vote was postponed.

Mayor Willie Brown sent a letter to the City College administration recommending a continuation of the ban on ROTC on that campus, because of its discrimi-

natory practices.

Board president Katz said that a compromise suggested by the NAACP, to have a gay and lesbian-inclusive ROTC, was unacceptable. Still, she said, she appreciated the gesture. "The thing that struck me the most was that everyone abhorred the discrimination. Everyone understood what our community faces. It wasn't a matter of if but how it should be fought."

Katz added that the NAACP's proposal was unrealistic, given the fact that the cadets would not be able to take their rightful place in the military upon graduation.

At the meeting, Katz said that the \$250,000 that the school would receive from the ROTC could be made up elsewhere. Later, she told the B.A.R. she has already spoken with some business and community leaders about a fundraising effort to make up for the shortfall, "perhaps in the form of an endowment."

What's important to acknowledge, she said, is that "You can't put a price on our principles." ▼

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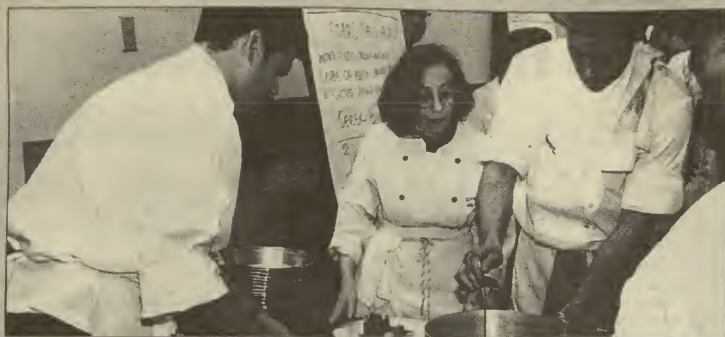
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## Magic chef



**S**uper chef Joyce Goldstein of Square One fame (center) supervised the preparation of meals at the annual AIDS Emergency Fund dinner/fundraiser April 22 at the Marriott. Every year Goldstein heads up the dozen or so top Bay Area chefs who create the fabulous fare. Songstress Sharon McNight and KOFY owner Jim Gabbert were the event co-chairs.

## Leal seeks scrutiny of discriminatory insurance policy

by Dennis Conkin

**S**upervisor Susan Leal has asked the City Attorney's Office for an opinion about the legality of a city-approved insurance company's practice of offering lump sum injury benefits to city workers and their spouses but denying the benefits to domestic partners of lesbian and gay or unmarried city workers.

Leal requested the opinion in a formal letter of inquiry from the Board of Supervisors at its Monday April 22 meeting after her office received a complaint by a Muni worker who sought to access the benefit on behalf of an in-

jured domestic partner.

"Benefits available to the spouse of a City employee should also be available to an employee's domestic partner—period," Leal said. "We must ensure equality when offering benefits to our employees."

The city's Health Services retirement board gave approval to the Colonial Insurance Company to offer the benefit for sale to interested city workers as a supplement to existing health insurance benefits. The city pays the premiums for city workers health insurance and makes such benefits available to the domestic partners of workers who wish to pay their partners premiums.

The city pays no policy premiums for the lump sum injury disability benefits, that Leal, a health insurance benefits and managed care expert, questions.

San Francisco began offering benefits to domestic partners of unmarried city workers and lesbian and gay employees after voter approval in November 1990. Workers became eligible for the benefits the following July.

Under the new city charter approved by voters, the insurance offering is problematic because of the charter's Article 14, which expressly forbids any discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or marital status. The charter will take effect July 1. ▼

## Migden pushes for increased ADAP ability

by Dennis Conkin

**T**he state-financed AIDS Drugs Assistance Program should be augmented by \$11 million, according to a request from Assemblywoman Carole Migden to Republican Assemblywoman Barbara Alby of Sacramento, who heads the Assembly budget committee that oversees AIDS expenditures.

Migden is requesting a \$3 million augmentation to cover costs of providing the antiviral drug 3TC to people suffering from HIV disease, and \$9 million to provide three recently approved protease inhibitors, Saquinavir, Ritonavir, and Indinavir.

"Our level of funding should be consistent with the available level of treatment," Migden said in a press statement about the budget request. "This augmentation will ensure that people with HIV/AIDS have access to the latest life-prolonging drugs, reduc-

ing serious illnesses and allowing them to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives."

Current funding for the program is \$17.5 million, with \$8.4 million coming from federal Ryan White funds and another \$9.1 million coming from state funds, according to Migden's AIDS legislative aide Michael Colbruno.

An estimated 8,500 people receive assistance from the drug program that began in 1987, including 1,400 in San Francisco, Colbruno said.

San Francisco AIDS Foundation spokesperson Timothy Rodrigues said the augmentation was "critically needed," especially with the advent of expensive protease inhibitors and new antivirals, driving the cost of typical treatments to thousands of dollars a year.

ADAP was created to provide drugs for people who cannot afford them, who are not MediCal eligible, do not have private insurance with prescriptions cover-

age, and have annual incomes of less than \$50,000 a year. The State Office of AIDS estimated that 100,000 prescriptions for 46 drugs will be filled by the ADAP program in 1996 alone.

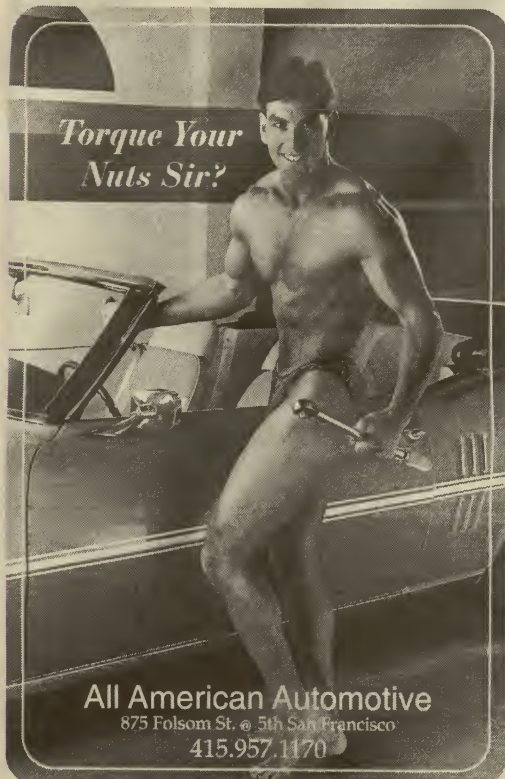
### Let's all go to Lobby Day

Rodrigues urged support for the budget augmentation, and called for volunteers to participate in the sixth annual AIDS Lobby Day in Sacramento next Monday, May 6.

Activists are calling for a \$24 million augmentation to the state AIDS budget; in addition the ADAP funds, they seek \$1.8 million to offset Ryan White funds reductions and \$1.9 million to provide housing for people with AIDS.

For more information about the event — which includes a morning AIDS briefing, a rally and appointments or drop-in visits with state legislators — contact the HIV Advocacy Network at (415) 487-3034. ▼

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# Gay man asks HRC to check into discrimination at San Francisco Hilton

by Dennis Conkin

A gay Hilton Hotels employee who filed a discrimination complaint against the chain with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission this month says he has a word of caution for lesbians and gays around the country who fantasize about moving to gay-friendly San Francisco.

"Tell them it's not ready for them yet. This isn't Mecca," said Tim Miller, who filed the April 10 complaint charging the San Francisco Hilton and Towers with discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and disability. Miller suffers from severe astigmatism.

A Hilton public relations spokesperson told the *Bay Area Reporter* the hotel had no statement on Miller's complaint. The chain has promoted the hotel's former Human Resources director, who would normally comment on the charges, and no replacement has been appointed, a spokesperson said.

But according to Miller's complaint, that promoted former Human Resources director last month allegedly threatened – in front of witnesses – to sue Miller for slander if he continued to discuss his allegations of discrimination or pursue legal efforts to remedy the alleged discrimination.

"I think it was clearly an act of intimidation by the very man who told me to come forward if there were any types of retaliation, should I file a complaint," Miller told the *B.A.R.* "I saw what they were trying to get at, and it did not work. It made me stronger in my convictions."

Miller's discrimination complaint also bluntly alleges that Howard Jacobs, SF Hilton's executive assistant manager, routinely told anti-gay jokes, called prospective employees "flamers," and made anti-gay remarks about Hilton guests and staffers – and also blocked Miller's transfers to a highly visible position with the bell desk.

Miller says in the complaint that the allegations about Jacobs were made by former SFHT Bell Desk Manager Keith Burgess.

When contacted by the *B.A.R.*, Burgess confirmed the incidents and said he believed Jacobs demonstrated professional bias against gay men he perceived as effeminate. He also said SF Hilton executives needed serious education in terms of discrimination and hiring practices.

## No openly gay hires

Miller was hired by the San Francisco Hilton in February 1994 after he spent three years as a room service waiter at Chicago's exclusive Hilton Palmer House.

A month later, Miller became a permanent San Francisco Hilton employee working between 6-18 hours a week.

In May 1994, Miller began working extra hours at the bell desk in addition to his permanent position. By that September, when he applied for a bell desk position, an outside person was hired and



Tim Miller: "Tell them it's not ready for them yet. This isn't Mecca."

Miller was never interviewed – despite his experience of 16-48 hours a week on the bell desk, and despite company policy that requires current employees be interviewed before external applicants.

"San Francisco Hilton Hotel and Towers management did not tell me why I was not interviewed," Miller says in the formal HRC complaint.

Miller continued to work as an extra at the SFHT bell desk through April 1995, during which time four or five new bellpersons were hired – including a former butcher who had no previous experience. None of the new hires was openly gay.

Miller has been out on the job since he was hired.

From April through September 1995, Miller sought to discuss his grievance with SFHT and his union, but the hotel canceled the meetings five times, according to the complaint.

Miller told his shop steward in October that his own observation and research indicated that while gay people were hired and worked at the Hilton, no gay people interviewed by Jacobs had been hired since 1988, the formal complaint claims.

Miller says he learned that a former Hilton resident manager told a union representative that the reason he wasn't hired for the bell desk position was not because of his sexual orientation but because of astigmatism, but he later learned from Burgess that his move had allegedly been prevented by Jacobs because of his sexual orientation.

After finally calling and trying unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with Hilton General Manager Holger Gantz, Miller met with the hotel's Human Resources director, who later replied in writing to Miller that he had conducted an internal investigation and that there was no finding of discrimination.

Miller then filed the formal HRC complaint.

According to HRC discrimination representative and attorney

Cynthia Goldstein, the Hilton has three weeks to reply to the charges before the HRC begins to formally investigate the claim.

Although the HRC can issue public findings of discrimination against businesses, the city agency attempts to mediate resolutions to discrimination complaints, Goldstein said.

Miller has also filed a formal complaint with the State Department of Fair Housing and Employment. The state agency can fine employers, and can also issue right-to-sue letters that allow employees with bias claims to seek remedies – including damages – in civil court. ▼

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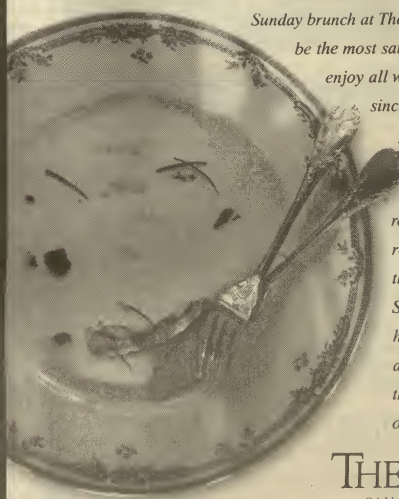
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## Seat chasing

As this issue of the Bay Area Reporter went to press, we learned the Harvey Milk Democratic Club has passed a resolution asking da mayor to name a gay or lesbian African-American person to replace da supervisor who has become da assemblywoman. We'd like to add that it's high time he got on with it.

Because Supervisor Migden ran unopposed in her recent Assembly race – and thereby deprived hardened political junkies of the fear, loathing, and adrenaline they need to survive – the only real suspense was in the question of Mayor Brown's choice to fill her seat in City Hall. (Except that her seat at City Hall is not actually at City Hall these days, what with the seismic retrofitting and all, so it was – fittingly – an interim seat in an interim City Hall that was at stake.)

Many people thought the successor would be announced right away, but anyone who expected Willie Brown to go for a quick pick just doesn't know how he plays his numbers.

The word is that Brown is shopping around for a job for Supervisor Willie Kennedy, who has less than a year left on the board before her term limit is up. (Migden's seat, on the other hand, has three years left.) Once Kennedy is employed elsewhere, she can quit the board and Brown will have two seats to dole out – one with a decided advantage.

The question is, if Brown does appoint a gay or lesbian to one of those seats, which one will they get?

We hope it will be to the seat vacated by the lesbian; to put that person briefly into the other would be a pretty obvious game of three-card monte. It may be dazzling to watch, but it still leaves everyone but the dealer a little poorer.

"Keep your eye on the queen," indeed.

Speaking of lesbian supervisors, we're glad to see Susan Leal focusing attention on a discriminatory insurance plan available to city workers. The company in question doesn't cover domestic partners, which is naturally inequitable.

The United States House and Senate are

even now conscientiously working to do something about the terrible policies of the insurance industry, some of which have forced some American laborers into a kind of indentured servitude. The "pre-existing condition" clauses have trapped far too many people (those with medical problems, or with family members with medical problems) at jobs that have only their insurance to recommend them. Fortunately, Washington lawmakers have realized that the situation is intolerable and getting worse.

If Washington Republicans have gotten that message (and it seems they have) it's time the point was made clear to the entire insurance industry: it's time to level the playing field. Anything that makes one worker's benefit package less attractive than any other worker doing that same job is simply un-American. And to use the industry's own word, bad policy.

Finally, when it comes to bad policies, it's obvious one Fresno legislator is determined

to create a worse mess than ever in Sacramento and in our already overcrowded prisons, by increasing marijuana penalties. Charles Poochigian, with a complete lack of forethought or compassion, has managed to get a bill through a Sacto Assembly committee that would drastically increase prison time for grass peddlers.

Hmmm.

As if that were a cure for any of the ills of California in 1996. We are sorry to see the bill has gotten as far as it has, considering the life-sustaining qualities pot has for people with AIDS, cancer, and other diseases.

We're also sorry that John Burton's bill failed; it would have reduced the penalties for pot smokers who had notes from their doctors. (Now that's a good idea.) How ridiculous that the Assembly can't solve the problems of its mandate, but inserts itself into the field of medicine. It's none of the Assemblymembers' business, and it's time they get out of the way of progress.

As the expression goes, let 'em roll. ▼

## Editorial



## I do! Or do I?

by Ursula Enters Copely

During the past 20 years or so, and for the first time in the history of our country, a large number of Americans are openly living together as married couples without religious or legal sanction. Yet these common-law relationships have as much love, caring, concern, and stability as those blessed by the church and state.

One might wonder in this day and age, when so many heterosexually-united couples willingly live in sin, why anyone would want to get legally married. After all, the Constitution does not confer any privileges on the state of matrimony. The tender-minded nonsense about legalizing gay marriages has nothing to do with the rights of homosexuals versus the rights of heterosexuals. There is, of course, built-in discrimination in our traditional marriage laws. In most states legally married couples have many benefits denied those in common-law relationships. But the discrimination is based on the sex of the partners, not on their sexual behavior. In other words, the discrimination is gender-based, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 already protects persons from discrimination on the basis of sex. To mix in talk of people's private sexual proclivities only confounds the real issue.

The one thing that has set apart most persons who make a homosexual choice is that they have been brave enough to break out of the centuries-old, rigid sex codes. In this sense they are free spirits. One might

**It is no real surprise that as more and more standardized gays have come out of their closets, they are willing to submit their unions to state supervision and licensing in return for safe conduct and benefits, something most of those in long-term common-law relationships refuse to consent to.**

suppose it would be the natural desire of these men and women to keep it that way. But this does not seem to be the case. Perhaps because of predisposition or conditioning, a lot of them find comfort in conforming. They ask for nothing better than to have their lives regulated. So it is no real surprise that as more and more standardized gays have come out of their closets, now that it is relatively safe to do so, they are willing to submit their unions to state supervision and licensing in return for safe conduct and benefits, something most of those in long-term common-law relationships refuse to consent to.

As a matter of fact, marriage as a concern of church and state is a relatively new social preoccupation. Up until the 10th century, marriage was for everyone what it continues to be for those in common-law relationships today: a private contract between the parties involved. In classical times mar-

riage was not a matter for the law.

It is one thing to get rid of the present discrimination, but quite another to demand that we all get licensed to do it. Role-playing plastic pansies terrified of sexual freedom who are willing to trade the integrity of their common-law relationships for the hocus-pocus of church weddings and official recognition through state licensing are misguided. To make this demand is the same as saying we must all become like heterosexuals and conform to a heterosexual code of ethics in order to enjoy the benefits associated with them.

Let those who insist on getting legally married do so. Love will not necessarily flourish because it is blessed by the church or regulated by the state. The Constitution guarantees equal treatment of everyone, as individuals; it is not based on marital status. The simplest way to bring about equality is to either confer the advantages, financial and otherwise, on everyone regardless of whether they are married or single, or deny them to everyone. ▼

## Guest Opinion



## LETTERS

## Women with HIV mural defaced

The large and colorful mural dedicated to Women with HIV on Scott Street at Haight is a moving testimonial to the unique struggles of lesbians and all women who are battling the epidemic. An especially poignant part of the mural are the words of women with HIV addressing the virus itself entitled "Dear Virus." I often see tourists and locals alike standing in front of the mural, transfixed on these words and the message that they convey. If you haven't yet seen the mural, you really should. But you can't. You see, someone has defaced it by throwing paint to deliberately obscure the words under the Dear Virus section.

When the mural was completed about a year ago, those working on it had applied a protective anti-graffiti overcoat. Supposedly, with this overcoat, a special chemical can be used to remove graffiti without destroying the artwork underneath.

Can someone who knows something about this please step forward to restore this important mural? The mural has been in this defaced condition now for two weeks, and it sickens me to think that this important message has been muffled by such a senseless and hateful act.

Michael Smithwick  
San Francisco

## Cooperative venture

This is in response to Kevin P. Murphy's letter in the B.A.R. (4/11). Mr. Murphy and I were both at the annual meeting of Under One Roof where he gathered his data. And, while his raw data is correct, he fails to interpret it correctly or to view it from the standpoint of the organizations who receive the benefit of Under One Roof.

In his misinterpretation, Mr. Murphy views Under One Roof as a standard type of fund raising mechanism and therefore fails to understand that it is basically a cooperative retail venture which benefits the organizations that invest in it. It should be viewed from the standpoint of return on investment by these organizations, of which the Genard AIDS Foundation is one. We receive a return in excess of 100% annually on our investment. That's not only not bad, it's great. I know very few relatively safe investment vehicles that will return that percentage.

Mr. Murphy is concerned that more of the goods sold in Under One Roof are not donated. While it would be nice if donated goods were more available, one must consider that this is not a rummage sale or a thrift shop. It is positioned in the market as a gift shop selling items that attract people who are shopping not only from a desire to be charitable but from a desire for the goods themselves. Donated goods are rarely of a quality or quantity that would meet this criterion.

The Genard AIDS Foundation is impressed by Under One Roof and its management. We stand firmly behind them and urge members of the community to support the store and thereby support the sixty organizations who have invested and received a better than fair return on their money.

Ronald M. Sommer  
Executive Director  
Genard AIDS Foundation

## Latino pride

In response to Dennis Conkin's article regarding the murder of Horizontes publisher Juan Pifarre, I would like to say as a queer Latino I was incensed from the opening paragraph, which was fit for the *National Enquirer*, not an alleged news paper like the B.A.R. The moralistic tone of the whole piece was a shock when compared to other articles regarding gay men who have "a penchant for younger men that bordered on rough or straight trade," or who have been killed or ripped off by hustlers.

I also question the two supposed friends who decided to remain anonymous while belittling the dead man's character. So he drank "a little too much and was very opinionated." Hey, doesn't that describe many "out" gay men?

But the most infuriating aspect of the piece was the quote "Juan had to stay in the closet all of his life ... because of the morbid Catholicism in the Latino community." Hello? I mean no disrespect for the murder victim, but Mr. Pifarre was in the closet because Mr. Pifarre chose to stay there. The Latino community was not twisting his arm nor anyone else's for that matter. There are many "out" lesbian and gay Latinos. Take a look at AGUILAS, ELLAS en accion, LLEGO/CA, members of the Latino Democratic Club, members of the executive board of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club in San Francisco and PRO-Latino in San Jose, a city which boasts a larger Latino population than SF. They are out and proud within the larger Latino community. They've marched in the Cinco de Mayo parade as well as in the Pride Parade. And, yes, some of them still practice Catholicism.

Evaristo Lito Sandoval  
San Francisco

## Duesberg: Pro

What many of us in the progressive political community long suspected about the lie called "AIDS" is finally verified, beyond all doubt, in two recent books by the scientist, Dr. Peter Duesberg, *Inventing the AIDS Virus* and *Infectious AIDS, Have We Been Misled?*

The primary cause of the contrived epidemic of "AIDS" is the private profit healthcare system, which is why the lie is so widespread in the U.S. and its colonies in Africa, but not so common in the rest of the industrialized world, which unlike the backward U.S. has a national healthcare system.

The medical establishment, which is heavily dependent on government grants, and the private profit medical doctors, who work closely with the drug companies, needed AIDS in the early 1980s, when the phony war on cancer was dying out, and thus came up with HIV, one of many viruses that exist in our bodies, and called it AIDS, if 30 other diseases such as VD and TB, also appeared in the body. This is not science; it is quackery.

Most of what is "AIDS" is excessive use of illegal drugs, VD, TB, malnutrition, starvation and often fatal diseases, such as hemophilia. The illegal drug economy is now a major source of employment, as are the AIDS charities, and as is the promotion of such deadly "AIDS" drugs as AZT, which is poison and should never be taken by anyone.

Clearly, Dr. Peter Duesberg deserves the Nobel Prize for his scientific research and integrity.

Lee Heller  
San Francisco

## Duesberg: Con

I agree with Project Inform that the irresponsible and anti-scientific view that HIV is not the cause of AIDS undermines efforts to teach safer sexual behaviors needed for reducing the spread of HIV. Peter Duesberg's book, *Inventing the AIDS Virus*, recently advertised in the B.A.R., is an example of this problem.

Those interested in factual, scientific information can get one of the best overviews of the subject for free from Project Inform (415) 558-9051, (800) 822-7422, or directly from the National Institutes of Health: NIAID, 31 Center Dr., Bldg. 31, Room 7A50, Bethesda, MD 20892; (301) 496-5717.

The article is entitled "The Relationship Between the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome."

R. Hunter Morey, M.S.W., I.H.S.  
San Francisco

## Likes dykes on bikes

As a long-standing member of the gay motorcycle community of this city, I feel I must respond to the letter ("Motorcycle Muffler?" 4/4/96) from "Name Withheld by Request." Name Withheld claims that the slow pace of the annual Gay Pride Parade is caused by the large number of participants in the Womyn's Motorcycle Contingent and that they are "boring."

I find these claims to be absurd! First, the "Dyke on Bikes" pass by too fast for me. Usually, the parade audience is treated to a great but quick display of pride and fun from the D.O.B. and then a long delay of nothing until the parade banner finally arrives. I would suggest that the contingents on foot with their frequent desire to stop for protests, theater acts, etc. is more to blame for the slow march.

Boring my sisters are NOT! I truly enjoy the wild costumes of the women and their buddies. Plus, the motorcycle decorations are a source of laughter and new costume ideas for my machine.

Name Withheld's letter is an example of a too-frequent attitude in our community to blame the "dykes" for any inconvenience. That is just pure bigotry.

And, I suspect, it is the reason "Name Withheld" doesn't want his/her signature to back up those words.

Jay Hice  
Founding member, Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club

## Miffed by muffler!

This letter is in response to "Motorcycle Muffler." Aren't there enough limits on our lives as it is? Isn't the theme of the parade "Freedom?" What a thrill it would be seeing every Queer person in the world in one big parade, who cares how long it would last or who marches first.

Year after year the parade watchers are totally excited waiting for the sight of the first Dykes on Bikes, and a little sad as they watch the last Bike roar off in the distance.

Boring, I think not.

No limits for me please, the more the merrier. I am always a happy camper watching the whole San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Mike Hartlaub  
San Francisco

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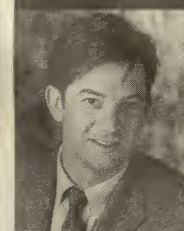
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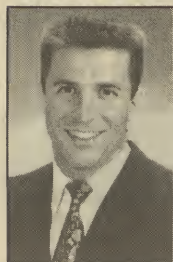


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### Nancy's note

Congratulations on the 25th Anniversary of the Bay Area Reporter!

I regret that I was unable to join you and your colleagues at the celebration. The growth of the B.A.R. over the past 25 years is remarkable. I appreciate the voice the B.A.R. provides on issues of importance to the lesbian and gay community.

Please accept best wishes for continued success.

Nancy Pelosi  
Member of Congress

### Improving quality of care

I was happy to see your continuing coverage of the meetings I am facilitating between ACT UP/Golden Gate and Kaiser Permanente on improving the quality of HIV/AIDS patient care and services. In addition to progress in making available viral load testing, treatments for wasting syndrome, and drafting a widely distributed HIV/AIDS Standard of Care, Kaiser this week announced that they will name a physician to coordinate HIV/AIDS care for its San Francisco facilities.

ACT UP/Golden Gate and representatives of Kaiser will meet again in my office in May to exchange information and pinpoint the exact dates when these various policy and personnel changes will take place.

I will keep you posted.

Supervisor Tom Ammiano  
San Francisco

### Community involvement

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center is a very important goal for our community. However, our own community involvement in the formation, financing and responsible management of such a center will be the major key in its acceptance and success in the eyes of the gay and lesbian community as well as the straight community.

Since the financing of the center is a big part of the "Community News" column of the April 4 B.A.R., I will address that first. I feel sure that gay Republican congressional candidate Justin Raimondo's desire to "keep any tax dollars from being spent on the center" can easily be dismissed. Were he to get his Republican presidential candidate, Pat Buchanan, into the position, Mr. Raimondo would be possibly dismissed or perhaps detained in some way by Buchanan simply by virtue of Justin's family name or by virtue (?) of his porn past.

According to a March 14 *Chronicle* article, "Meeting Tonight on Center for SF Gays," the "City has already provided \$40,000 (in tax dollars) to study the issue and the plan calls for the SF Redevelopment Agency to spend \$1.1 million to purchase site...additional \$6.2 million expected from both public and private sources," etc. So far I have not read or heard of any concerted effort to get even token funding directly from us, the gay and lesbian community.

What if we of the community were to start a project to get just some of our own financial funding and support from our own community? Perhaps by:

1. Organizing a campaign to have every gay and lesbian in San Francisco send in from \$1 to \$1,000 (we are, generally speaking, not a poor community) to help provide funding for our center.

2. Getting bars, restaurants, doctors, lawyers, dedicated individuals and businesses to help sponsor such a campaign. The sponsorship would merely entail providing pre-addressed envelopes with postage paid (addressed to our new funding organization) for all of their patrons/clients wishing to donate to their own Community Center.

3. In addition to the feeling of community self-help pride, we might attain something of a census of our gay and lesbian population. Even the still closeted members of our community could donate anonymously to give voice to their invisibility.

There are a great number of things, people, actions, etc. in our community to be proud of to help empower us as gay citizens, but we are often too factionalized, too fractured to make it obvious to the community-at-large that we can "get it together." That wonderful positive pride of community can be all of ours if we can devise a way like the idea ventured above (or a new and better one) to become active participants in not only the formation and responsible management of our center but also the direct funding of our own Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

R. Field  
San Francisco

### Romeo's lament

I am sending this letter in response to the B.A.R.'s March 26 article, "PG&E Worker to Employee: 'Hey, Homo!'" I have always found the B.A.R. to be informative and credible. However, I am disappointed the writer chose such a sensationalistic and slanted manner. With a stroke of the pen, the B.A.R. has attempted to destroy the good reputation that PG&E deserves and has within the lesbian and gay community.

PG&E is a very good employer for its many gay

and lesbian employees. It's not the perfect company, but by far, it is one of the best places to work if you're gay/lesbian and out.

PG&E's policy on discrimination against gays/lesbians is very clear. The company does not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. I might add that sexual orientation was added as a protected basis at PG&E long before many companies ever thought about this issue, much less protected it. Company employees know about this policy and where to complain if they feel they've experienced discrimination. PG&E commits to prompt action to investigate and resolve any allegations.

PG&E supports its gay, lesbian and bisexual workforce and the community with an ongoing commitment. Here are just a few examples:

1. PG&E's LGBEA was established in 1985 as an informal group and became recognized as an employee association in 1986. PG&E provided support for the formation of LGBEA and has supported it financially since its inception.

2. With PG&E's financial and direct support, LGBEA has participated in the San Francisco AIDS Walk, forming one of the first corporate teams and contributing more than \$150,000 in pledges since its inception. Again with company support, we marched in the Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, and PG&E underwrote the televising of the 1995 parade.

3. PG&E has established peer support groups and support groups for people living with HIV. Additionally, we have an internal AIDS hotline for company employees that provides information and referrals for employees seeking assistance.

4. In 1991, PG&E's LGBEA co-founded what is now the nationally recognized NGLTF Workplace Issues Conference, which focuses on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues in the workplace. This is the premier gay/lesbian/bisexual workplace conference in the United States. PG&E has helped fund the conference annually since its inception and will do so again this year when the event is held April 19-21.

5. In partnership with the Bay Area Network of Gay/Lesbian Educators, PG&E's LGBEA sponsors a scholarship program that is targeted to gay and lesbian high school students who seek to continue their education in college. So far, over 20 gay/lesbian/bisexual or gay-friendly students have been awarded PG&E scholarships. This is just one of the many ways that we have found to give back to our community.

6. In celebration of the opening of San Francisco's New Main Library, PG&E co-sponsored the gala reception of the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center on March 23. PG&E employees donated their day off, volunteering their time to a dedication reception for donors of the center. PG&E was also the sole sponsor of the affinity group events for the San Francisco Library.

7. PG&E has supported the gay and lesbian community through financial and in-kind contributions to organizations such as Community United Against Violence, the Lavender Youth Recreation Center and the Golden Gate Business Association. PG&E helps to fund numerous AIDS organizations, including the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Living Well, Asian AIDS Project and Project Open Hand, that serve gay, lesbian and other communities.

For all of the reasons above, PG&E was named in the 1995 book *Cracking the Corporate Closet* as one of the top 12 American companies that provide the best environment for their lesbian and gay employees. Published in association with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute, the book describes PG&E's record of supporting the gay and lesbian community as "equaled by few other companies in the United States." As far as I am concerned, this is not only a demonstration of our commitment, but also quite an achievement.

It goes without saying that I wish the B.A.R. did not publish such an unbalanced and nakedly slanted article about PG&E. Publishing such an article was a disservice to employees and to the efforts this company has made to recognize and contribute to the richness of our lives.

I have no doubt that the company will continue its tradition of commitment to their employees, and to the gay/lesbian and bisexual community.

Frank R. Romeo  
President, PG&E LGBEA

[Dennis Conkin responds: I don't make up the news, honey. You know as well as I that I quoted PG&E spokesperson Jeanette Valentine about the former employees' lawsuits — and featured her reply in a prominent space in the body of my text, despite your claims that my reporting was "unbalanced and nakedly slanted." Trotting out the corporate contribution list or extolling the corporate public relations efforts or photo opportunities is comparing apples and oranges.

Your knee-jerk defense of the company you work for is a perfect example of why employees who feel they have been discriminated against should always contact experienced lawyers, and not coprophagic corporate-type mouthpieces.]



## POLITICS

# Eyes on the 1998 prize

by Wayne Friday

When nearly 3,000 state Democratic Party activists, officeholders and would-be officeholders met at the Demo convention two weeks ago in Los Angeles, there was more talk about the 1998 gubernatorial race than about the upcoming Clinton re-election campaign. Frozen out of the governor's office for more years than they'd like to remember, Democratic leaders clearly see 1998, with **Pete Wilson** unable to run again, as the year they *should* have a good chance at retaking the statehouse.

The word at the confab was that both Lt. Governor **Gray Davis** and state Controller **Kathleen Connell**, a wealthy Southern California businesswoman who is a newcomer to state politics, are already quietly putting together the mechanics necessary to mount a successful statewide campaign. Davis and Connell were the only two statewide constitutionally elected Democrats to survive the Republican sweep of 1994.

Connell, a political unknown until she spent heavily from her personal fortune to win the controller's race, and Davis, a veteran of over 20 years in state politics, worked the crowd at Los Angeles' Westin Bonaventure Hotel as though they were already announced candidates. However, the big question at the unity meeting remained the intentions of Senator **Dianne Feinstein**.

Indeed, the most persistent rumor at the three-day conference was that Feinstein—who's talked about the pressure on her to run from party officials who doubt that either Davis or Connell could defeat Republican Attorney General **Dan Lungren**—would probably make another run at the job she narrowly lost to Wilson in 1990. Feinstein told reporters that "yes, I would still like very much to be governor," but noted the cost of running a fourth statewide campaign within eight years.

One well-known San Francisco checkbook Democrat, long a Feinstein backer, recently told me that he had received a call a few weeks ago from Controller Connell, asking for advice and or support for her candidacy. He hedged, saying he would get back to her. The same man then immediately called the Feinstein camp and was told by one very close to the Senator to "make no commitments to anyone until Dianne speaks to you about this."

As for Davis and Connell, the prime-time entertainment at the LA soiree was watching the two jousting for position and engaging in chilly body English as they were forced to sit next to each other on the platform while waiting to speak to the delegates. During Davis's speech he all but announced his candidacy, ignoring the only other Democrat sharing a statewide job with him in Sacramento. Connell's speech praised Senators Feinstein and **Barbara Boxer** and other Democratic officeholders, but pointedly omitted any reference to the lieutenant governor.

Both Davis and Connell had booths at the convention, where



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literature about themselves was plentiful. Both hosted hospitality suite parties on the same night, sizing up the crowds at each other's shindig.

When it came time for the top Democrats' onstage show of unity, hands clasped and all, both Davis and Connell balked at tangling digits, so it was old pro **Dianne Feinstein** who quickly stepped between the two, smiled broadly, and held their hands in the air, along with **Boxer** and newly-elected state chair **Art**

**Torres**. The deft move by the senator did not go unnoticed and brought the house down with applause, leaving both Davis and Connell looking a bit childish.

## Politics and people

The latest USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll shows President **Bill Clinton's** job approval rating at 54%, equaling a two-year high. If the election were held this week, Clinton would beat **Bob Dole** by 17 points, 57% to 40%, the biggest margin to date. Washington veterans of both parties are noting that Democrats who tried to distance themselves from Clinton during the 1994 campaign are now jockeying to cozy up to him as the November election nears. Two years ago, the GOP organized its history-making congressional campaign as a referendum on Clinton's then unpopular presidency, but for the past ten months, his ratings have consistently hovered well above 50% and could continue to rise. Clearly, Democrats now feel that if they have any chance at all of regaining control of Congress, they will have to do it by riding the president's coattails.

Those watching Reform Party founder **Ross Perot** on last Sunday's *Meet the Press* when he slipped and mumbled something about his party needing a "fresh new face" should not be fooled. Perot is the deep pockets behind this third-party move and isn't about to let anyone other than himself be his party's nominee.

In D.C. last week, some of Bob Dole's supporters were publicly peeved that House Speaker **Newt Gingrich**, speaking to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, brought up the subject of Dole's age (he will be 73 in July). Gingrich, for whatever reason, fo-

cused the speech on this hot potato when he told the overflow newspaper crowd that some voters "haven't decided whether Dole is too old to be president," adding that whomever the veteran Kansas senator selects as his running mate will have "little to do with his chances." Gingrich continued that voters must decide whether Dole is "healthy enough ... and agile enough" to serve as president.

Both Utah's state Senate and House voted last week to ban gay student clubs in high schools to "curb homosexuals from recruiting others into a lifestyle that can kill them." Republican Governor **Mike Leavitt** is expected to sign the law. The issue of gay clubs erupted last year when East High School students in Salt Lake City formed the Gay-Straight Alliance. State officials then banned all school-sponsored extracurricular organizations, believing they had no choice under a 1984 federal law that prevents schools from discriminating against clubs because of the beliefs they espouse. Republican **David Bresnahan**, a co-sponsor of the legislation, used his deceased gay brother, who died of AIDS, as a symbol, declaring that he was "misled into believing that he was born a homosexual. Statements are made that youths aren't recruited, and they sure are. Free speech does not include recruiting them into a lifestyle that can kill them."

In Newmarket, N.H., **Mark Brouseas**, who acknowledges his HIV-positive status, says he will not be forced into closing his popular health food store after several citizens sent a letter to City Hall threatening that "if you don't stop him, some of us will."

California Democrats have what they feel is a sure magnet to get low-income, young, and union voters to the ballot box in November: the initiative that would raise the minimum wage from \$4.25 an hour to \$5 next year and \$5.75 in 1998.

My Quote of the Week is from none other than Da Mayor himself, **Willie Brown** (who once said that Bill Clinton wore "cheap suits, had a bad haircut, and ain't goin' nowhere"): "Clinton has the qualities of Roosevelt when it comes to listening to people—this is an extraordinarily talented man. He will be re-elected because we in California will see that he wins. The nation and the world need Bill Clinton's leadership."▼



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## Marching out of step

by Beth Elliott

Casual car pools seem to have an official radio station: whatever station carries National Public Radio. I've hopped in cars, heard excellent rock or jazz and begun to nod approvingly in time, only to watch the driver guiltily push the button that tunes out the music and tunes in NPR. Not that NPR isn't enjoyable, even if some mornings it's too upbeat for me to take.

Last week, I was riding along as a stranger navigated the diamond lane to NPR commentary on party strategies for the national elections this November. It seems the turnout among women has been way down, possibly to the point that it was our absence rather than a surge of the stereotypical angry white males that facilitated the bumper crop of freshman Republican representatives. Accordingly, the Democrats will be pitching women mightily over the next few months.

This, however, would be a more complicated task than a traditional get-out-the-vote effort, according to the NPR commentator. It seems both parties are having difficulty winning women's votes, because the majority of women voters lean toward voting liberal on social issues but conservative on fiscal issues.

"But do we see either party running candidates who are socially liberal and fiscally conservative? Noooooo!" I remarked to the laughter of driver and fellow passenger. "Duh!"

## No lists, please

Which brings us to the recent N.O.W.-sponsored March Against the Radical Right. I haven't decided yet whether I was amazed or not at all amazed by the number of women who've confessed to me their agonizing over whether or not to take part.

Not that long ago, taking part

would have automatically preempted everything else on their calendars. These days, a lot of women out to resist the agenda of the radical right want to be able to oppose that agenda without having to sign on to a laundry list of positions on the other extreme, of which they're not particularly convinced, either. So, their question was whether this was a March Against the Right or a March Against the Right, Center, and Insufficiently Left.

The laundry list that gets attached to any progressive march or demonstration states many issues in black and white as though there were no nuances to consider. There has been a tendency of late to conflate ideals into supposed "rights," and to hold them as absolutes subject neither to any test of whether they conflict with other rights nor to the public policy limitations on individual rights considered appropriate to balance impact of full exercise of those rights on society as a whole (e.g., environmental or land use planning concerns versus private property rights). Rarely is what the individual (whose right it supposedly is) will do toward achieving the desired state of affairs factored into the equation, not even what decisions the individual could make to avoid or mitigate the circumstances she claims to have a right not to be in.

What a lot of people are claiming to have "rights" to is a cradle-to-grave welfare state. Leaving aside the question of its desirability, the days of such a state are over. The countries that still have some semblance of that system are finding they can no longer afford it. Even our own Social Security system has been exposed as a Ponzi scheme, dependent on an ever-expanding pyramid of young workers taxed to support retirees. Government benefits currently defined as entitlements are projected to swamp the federal budget early next century.

**Troubling facts**  
Aside from the fact that the rich could be soaked for only so many years (especially if people exercise the "right" to ignore immigration limits) before that lode is exhausted, there are real problems with blaming "greed" for poverty, sparse healthcare, etc. One is the fact that a certain

amount of money does have to be invested in business ventures to create jobs and taxable revenues. Another is the idea that one person's need creates a "right" to another person's resources (no matter how they came by them). Does anyone have an obligation to work or create not for themselves but for other people who "need"?

Our reporter noted a T-shirt at the march that read, "Different Experiences, Common Goal." What is that goal? Is opposition to state contracting affirmative action repeal about equal opportunity and principles (I hope), or equating "fairness" with divvying up the jobs by demographic proportion?

When I read a guest editorial saying give illegal immigrants benefits or be vulnerable to an underclass, and realize that works out to

"Hand over the wallets and nobody gets hurt," I wonder. When I read of a fracas over whose PWA of color gets to fill a speaker's slot, I wonder. What would a coalition around equal opportunity, long-term national fiscal stability and a commitment to the environment (including population stabilization) be like?

Just in the Nick of Time Dept.: Last Thursday, opening day for the new main branch of the SF Public Library, a day KFOG morning news guy Peter Finch called "a great day for literacy." I picked up a copy of this fine paper to discover someone had edited a sentence of mine to read "different than" instead of "different from." Fear not, dear reader—words have been had. Do you think I'd want my mother to read my column and see "different than"? That would be almost as bad as buying bay leaves instead of picking them!

Where Have You Gone, Joe DiMaggio Dept.: On a more somber note, I would like to express my sorrow at the passing of fellow writer Thom Bean, whose work I greatly admired. He asked the tough questions and said things that needed to be said no matter whom they made uncomfortable. Nonetheless, his concern was to provoke dialogue rather than put himself on a pedestal through the dominance-submission game of supposed political virtue for which our community's politics are well known. My feeling is that we've lost one of the greats. Damn! ▼

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# Where is Jerusalem? Still in the Castro

by Dennis Conkin

After almost 22 years as a favorite Castro Street landmark beside the Patio Cafe, The Jerusalem Shoppe has moved to a new spot in the neighborhood. It is now located at 313 Noe, near the corner of Market.

The store is well known for its designer clothes for women, which have a decidedly Eastern feel, and for its wide variety of fine jewelry for women and gay men, including commitment rings.

"We've got a lot of interesting jewelers, like Tabra, who started out as a street artist in Berkeley, selling earrings for \$7.50 - and now she's selling them from \$30 up to \$350 and selling them all over the country and parts of Europe and Japan," says Nuala Baerman. "We were one of the first to show her work."

"That one of the nicest things about the shop - its history," she says. "It's introduced a lot of interesting artists to the area. And Joan Tessler has been the owner for 22 years."

Baerman says the store works with vendors and artists from all over the world. "We have stuff from Nepal, India, Tibet, France, Germany, Canada. We have a lot of artists from California and the Bay Area, and from all over the country. It's just a wide range."

The Jerusalem Shoppe also has a wide customer base. More than 4,000 customers, not all from the Bay Area, received notices of the store's relocation.

Baerman says that when the popular shop first opened on Castro, Tessler and her then-co-partner were members of the American Sufi movement, which had quite a large local San Francisco following - replete with a choir and regular workshops and demonstrations of the dances associated with the Islamic mystic sect.

"When you'd walk into the shop, they'd play the Sufi choir. Sometimes when you were there a whole group of Sufis would come in and there would be Sufi dancing," Baerman recalls.

## Mickey who?

During its time on Castro Street, the shop has attracted its share of famous customers searching for that special find, including Alice Walker, Carrie Fisher and her father Eddie, Robert Downey, Jr., and Mickey Rourke.

"I had no idea who he was," Baerman laughs. "I mean I know who Mickey Rourke is and I've seen his movies - but he was so scuzzy. He was with this good-looking woman. She asked about getting something that we didn't have and I said I could get it. I said, 'Could you give me your phone number and I'll give you a call when it comes in,' but he said 'No, no, no, that's all right.'"

Like other neighborhood residents who live in the Castro and Upper Market area, Baerman worries about the fate of the neighborhood.

"The street is changing quite a bit," she says. "The folksiness is missing, and there's sort of a slickness coming in. I've had so many people come up to me and say that it's becoming like Polk Street."

"There are a lot of coffee shops and juice bars and a lot of empha-

sis on stuff like that. Some of what it is an encroachment of corporate America: The Body Shop, Walgreen's, Noah's Bagels, those are the biggest changes."

Baerman says the Castro neighborhood still has a great vitality, but she worries about its future.

"You go down to 18th and Castro on Saturday and you are at the center of the political universe. That vitality is still there, but it's a

shame to see neighborhoods lose character," she says.

But with The Jerusalem Shop in its new location, Baerman is exploring the Upper Market street scene of shops and local businesses, grocers, and restaurants just around the corner from Castro Street - and she thinks it may even be more vital and interesting than historic Castro

Street.

"It's like all neighborhoods that are popular," she says. "Years and years ago, this neighborhood was pretty seedy. After a lot of years, Castro Street became more of a trendy place."

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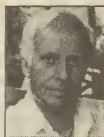
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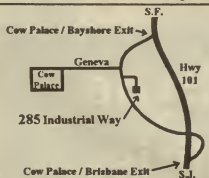
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by Al Kielwasser

A basic axiom of successful polling is that respondents should have some knowledge of the subject, otherwise their opinions are useless. Only homophobes, it seems, can be surveyed for being able to recognize the word "homosexuality," even if they understand nothing about it.

A new Gallup poll offers a case in point. "Based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample," the survey posed these two questions:

1. "Do you feel that homosexuality should be considered an acceptable alternative lifestyle or not?"
2. "Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?"

The patently biased language is hard to ignore. Contrasting "marriages between homosexuals" and "traditional marriages" is certainly skewed toward heterosexism. At the very least, "traditional marriages" should have been reworded; the equity of "marriages between heterosexuals" and "marriages between homosexuals" could then be discussed.

"Valid" is another loaded, ambiguous qualifier. "Valida-

tion" is not the objective; equality of treatment under the law is. Respondents could have been asked whether or not they respected the concept of civil rights.

Even less valid, of course, is Gallup's continuing use of the term "lifestyle." Because there really is no "homosexual lifestyle" per se, the question is tantamount to asking respondents if they approve of Big Foot.

"Alternative lifestyle" is also a favored canard of homophobes.

The "lifestyle" lingo—and those who use it—ultimately reinforce the notion that "being gay" is an alternative to "being normal." This dehumanizing terminology reduces homosexuality to the level of "something tried"—not someone's life.

Writing for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate (April 4), David Moore reports the results of this Gallup poll. Unfortunately, he adds much of the bias as well.

Moore writes that "although Americans are somewhat more accepting of homosexuality as a lifestyle than they were a decade ago," 50% of the population still feels homosexuality "should not be considered an acceptable lifestyle." He also reports that the poll shows some significant "differences of opinion." Men, older people and Republicans are "considerably more opposed to homosexuality" than women, younger people and Democrats. Young men (under 30) are an exception, however, and also "show opposition" in larger numbers.

Moore could have summarized the results simply: homophobia is still abundant, justice more scarce. That's what the poll shows, anyway. But that is not what Moore tells.

Significantly, the word "homophobia" never appears in either Moore's article or Gallup's poll. Instead, they dwell on "negative feelings" and "differences in opinion," as if "opposition to homosexuality" really had nothing to do with hating homosexuals.

Yet describing "negative feelings about homosexuality" is, in effect, no different from describing "the feelings of homophobes." The young men who are most opposed to homosexuality in Gallup's poll are also the young men responsible for most of the hate violence committed

against lesbians and gays each year.

By treating this bigotry almost exclusively as an unnamed "matter of opinion," both the pollsters and the press have conferred an unwarranted respectability upon homophobia. Homophobes now enjoy the pernicious "innocence" that James Baldwin decried decades ago in his book *The Fire Next Time*.

"They have destroyed and are destroying hundreds of thousands of lives, and do not know it and do not want to know it," Baldwin wrote. "But it is not permissible that the authors of devastation should also be innocent. It is the innocence which constitutes the crime."

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Gay Journalists hire first executive director

by Bob Roehr

The National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association (NLGJA) has become the latest group to evolve into a full-time professionally staffed national organization.

Michael L. Frederickson, 39, was introduced as NLGJA's first executive director at a reception for members and the press on Wednesday, April 17. The event was hosted Tom Curley, publisher of *USA Today*, at its television studio.

Roy Aarons, one of the

**NLGJA "works for balanced news stories, be they positive or critical of the community."**

founders and president of NLGJA, recounted the creation of the three-year strategic plan for the organization. He concluded, "We found the right person for the executive director job and we found the right place in Washington, DC ... on the national scene, close to many of the other media associations and to gay leadership organizations."

Frederickson worked as a journalist in Washington state before moving on to administrative jobs at Shanti Project, the NAMES Project, the Gay Games in New York, and the AIDS WALK of the Whitman-

Walker Clinic in Washington. He is "quite excited" by the prospect of combining his experiences in journalism and community activism.

He is "most impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the journalists who created this organization." It "works for fair and balanced news stories, be they positive or critical of the community, as the ultimate goal of how change is made."

NLGJA has grown to 1,200 members with chapters in 17 American cities and also in Canada. Its fifth convention will be held September in Miami. ▼

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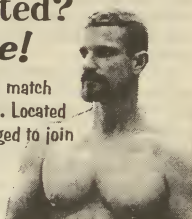
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Over 500 people participated in A Different Light Bookstore's third annual Readers and Writers Conference at the Women's Building this past weekend. Local luminaries like Kris Kovick, Pat Califia, Thom Gunn, Jim Van Buskirk, Katherine Forrest, Michael Nava, Jacqueline Woodson and others mixed with aspiring writers and enthusiastic readers at the popular three-day event that featured nonstop panels and readings.

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# ELLIPSE marks decade's changes

by Marv. Shaw

As its first decade of operation is completed, ELLIPSE Peninsula AIDS Service is extending recognitions of service, casting a broad net for volunteers, adjusting to changing needs, and launching outreach programs of prevention and education, the *Bay Area Reporter* learned in a recent talk with the agency's veteran director Colette Drane-Hoffman at its San Mateo headquarters.

What will ELLIPSE celebrate on its tenth anniversary—or is “celebrate” even the right word?

“In general, it’s a bittersweet realization,” Drane-Hoffman replied. “We have survived, grown, and are still giving service, long after we had hoped to be out of business.”

“Ten years ago, all expected that medical science would have created a cure. Instead, the epidemic has changed, and we have successfully changed with it, but it’s still a struggle.”

Hoffman pointed out that the

primary clientele has changed markedly, from being mostly middle-class gay white males to people of color (51%) and women (33%). In the latter group, almost all of the patients are mothers of underage children, some of whom are also infected.

In further discussion, Drane-Hoffman cited a dramatic statistic: “More than 90% of the clientele try to live on \$700 per month or less. We find ourselves providing the essentials for living, with the food bank, for example, much busier than heretofore, delivering both storable and perishable food.”

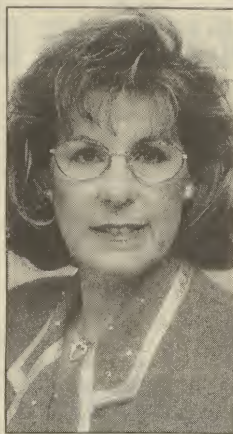
Drane-Hoffman said the agency depends in large part on the Community Development Block Grants for operations. That means that the cities of San Mateo County contribute—in addition, of course, to donations from individuals and organizations.

“But we get no Ryan White money,” Drane-Hoffman concluded, meaning no federal funds.

## Volunteer recognition Sunday

The director sees a growing problem for AIDS programs. “The public is becoming too accustomed to the AIDS presence,” Drane-Hoffman frowned. She explained that the familiarity might be making the public somewhat blasé. That growing feeling could also lead to a diminution of support, just when the nature of the epidemic is changing and more support is needed.

Nevertheless, three future



Colette Drane-Hoffman

events promise some recognition and possibly new support growth.

The first is a picnic recognizing volunteers, which will be held at the Peninsula Jewish Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m. this Sunday, April 28. The Center is located at 2440 Carlmont Drive. The work on that event will be done by the Jewish Youth Federation,

and the ELLIPSE board of trustees will be hosts. In addition to volunteers presently or formerly with ELLIPSE, newcomers are invited, especially those with some interest in becoming volunteers.

The second event is a benefit dinner at Roosters Restaurant in Redwood City on June 24, the beginning of Gay Pride Week. The restaurant is gay-owned by two men who were formerly on the staff of the Sofitel Hotel in Redwood Shores, and French cuisine will be offered.

The third will be a larger affair, a dinner-dance, some time in the autumn, and a celebrity will be invited, probably a politician. President Clinton has been invited, and hopes are high that he will find time on one of his campaign swings through California to attend.

When skepticism was expressed that the president will attend, Drane-Hoffman reminded the B.A.R. that his former Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, accepted a similar invitation in 1994, before Clinton fired her. ▼

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## West Hollywood honors 'invisible' holocaust victims

### Business wire

The City of West Hollywood, California, in conjunction with the West Hollywood Gay and Lesbian Advisory Council, held a Yom Hashoa, a special Holocaust remembrance, April 14.

The Yom Hashoa was co-sponsored by the Russian Community Center, Congregation Kol Ami, and Lesbian and Gay Interfaith Clergy Association. It commemorated all victims of the Holocaust, with a special focus on invisible victims—gays, lesbians, and Russians—who perished under the Nazi regime.

Germany had a thriving gay and lesbian community in the pre-World War II years. Berlin, in particular, was a hub of gay and lesbian coffeehouses, clubs, bars, and social groups. In 1933, gays and lesbians came under attack. The Nazis arrested 100,000 gay men between 1933 and 1945.

Most of the men were placed in prisons, while an estimated 15,000 were put in concentration camps.

Nearly 20 million Russians died during the Holocaust. This includes not only soldiers killed while fighting with the Allied forces, but also Russian Jews gassed in concentration camps and murdered in massacres such as the one at Babi Yar in the Ukraine. Others starved to death during the siege of Moscow and Leningrad.

Rabbi Denise L. Eger of the Congregation Kol Ami said, “Today in the City of West Hollywood, these same constituencies, Russian immigrants and lesbians and gays, have emerged from their hiddenness.”

The ceremony was immediately followed by a reception. A special screening of two films about the Holocaust's hidden victims was also held before and after the Yom Hashoa. ▼

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Gay dance planned in Alameda

## OOTI to host Hawaiian party, contest

by Cynthia Laird

**O**ut on the Island, Alameda's community action group for the gay and lesbian community, will be holding a Hawaiian theme dance party next month in the East Bay island city.

The dance is OOTI's kick-off fundraising event for the spring gay pride season in Alameda. It will be held Saturday, May 18 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, located at 2305 Alameda Avenue.

According to OOTI executive board members Christine Allen and Christa Keller, there will also be a costume contest, with prizes given for best costumes in the categories of tourist, Hawaiian local,

surfer, and swimsuit. There will also be a 50/50 cash raffle as well as other raffle prizes, along with Hula Hoop and limbo contests.

San Francisco deejay Matthew Baker is scheduled to provide music for the evening. There will also be a no-host bar and other refreshments.

Allen and Keller said the dance party is to raise funds for organizational operating expenses and to cover costs for public education materials.

### Once again ...

"Out on the Island is once again gearing up to request recognition from city government in the form of a city proclamation that was denied last year," Allen and Keller noted in a written statement.

That action by the city council last June was the catalyst that galvanized Alameda's gay and lesbian community into grass-roots political action. Since then, OOTI has been extremely active in Alameda. The group has sponsored several community events and received a proclamation from the city's Social Service Human Relations Board last October.

OOTI has also helped with various civic efforts, including the local library and a holiday food/toy drive last year.

The group is planning to continue its activities, and members hope the dance is a successful fundraiser.

"We invite all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender folks to join this evening of spring celebration," Allen and Keller stated, adding, "Non-gay supporters are welcome to join us on the dance floor."

Other upcoming activities of OOTI include the group's plans to have a booth at the June Gay Pride festival in San Francisco.

OOTI will also join with the Alameda Lesbian Potluck Society and the Gay Islanders to march in the Mayor's Fourth of July Parade.

"This year we invite people from all over the Bay Area to join us," Allen and Keller stated.

Last year hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators lined streets along the three-mile parade route through the downtown island city, for what is generally known as the largest Indepen-

dence Day Parade in the Bay Area.

The gay contingent received a first place award from Mayor Ralph Appenzato. ▼

**Tickets for next month's Hawaiian dance are \$8 if purchased by May 13 or \$10 at the door. For directions or ticket information call OOTI at (510) 337-1300.**

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## New highs and lows in the field of marijuana

by Dennis Conkin

**M**arijuana dealers who sell a kilo of pot would face an additional three years in prison, under a bill making its way through the California State Assembly — and people who sell 80 kilos would face an additional 25 years in prison.

The measure, introduced by Fresno Republican Charles Poochigian, is not aimed at the "small user or cultivator" but instead targets large dealers, a spokesman for Poochigian told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

One kilo is 2.2 pounds of marijuana. One pound, according to the spokesperson, is equal to 1,000 joints.

Current prison terms for felony marijuana possession for sale, sale, cultivation, and importing range from 16 months to four years.

Possession of less than 28.5 grams is a misdemeanor, punishable by citation and a \$100 fine.

According to Poochigian's office, the penalties enhancement measure is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8. If approved, the measure then goes to the Assembly floor for a vote.

The measure was approved by the 15-member committee the same day a measure by Democra-

tic Assemblyman John Burton of San Francisco was rejected. That bill would have made it a misdemeanor, instead of a felony, to grow or harvest less than 28.5 ounces of marijuana for personal medical use. The law would apply only in cases that were approved in writing by a patient's personal doctor.

The measure was backed by a variety of groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

A bill that which would have allowed medical marijuana use passed the legislature last year, but was quickly vetoed by Governor Pete Wilson. A group called Californians For Compassionate Use has spearheaded a medical marijuana initiative to pass a similar measure on the statewide ballot in November.

As the group presented an estimated 700,000 signatures to county registrars for signature verification on Wednesday, April 24, members literally danced through the streets of San Francisco in celebration.

If the measure makes it to the November ballot, voters will have the opportunity to decide whether patients and primary caregivers will be able to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes without legal sanction. ▼

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## Corporate America comes to SF to discuss gay equality

by Dennis Conkin

The fifth annual "Out and Equal in the '90s" National Conference on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Workplace Issues, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, drew more than 300 people from gay and lesbian employees groups, businesses, and corporations around the country to San Francisco last weekend.

The annual conference, held at the Civic Center Ramada Hotel from April 19-21, featured a keynote address by legendary gay rights activist Franklin Kameny and more than 40 workshops on issues facing lesbian and gay workers in American corpora-

tions and worksites.

Employee groups, labor organizers, human resource professionals, and corporate representatives from some 400 companies including Lotus, Disney, Apple, Chevron, Xerox, General Mills, United Airlines, American Express, and the AFL-CIO attended the conference, co-sponsored by Pacific Gas and Electric and American Telephone and Telegraph, which both contributed \$5,000.

"The face of the American workplace is changing, despite the fact that homophobic discrimination still exists," said National Lesbian and Gay Task Force executive director Melinda Paras. "It is reflecting more the ambitions and pride of its gay employees."

"The purpose of the conference is to educate, network, and train those in the American workplace so they can make it safer for gay employees. Despite the progress, every day many gays and lesbians must live in fear for their jobs," Paras said in remarks opening the conference.

boundaries, corporate lesbian and gay employee groups could wind up either becoming management skills, or merely corporate marketing tools.

"There is that concern," said gay labor activist Howard Wallace, who led a small afternoon workshop. "They should try to maintain



Rick Geharter

Gay pioneer Frank Kameny: "Our enemies are becoming increasingly shrill and strident."

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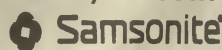


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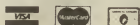
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In his keynote speech, Kameny, who was fired from the Army Map Service in 1957 because of his sexual orientation and went on to become a pioneering 1960s gay rights advocate, warned of the dangers of the religious right.

"Our enemies are becoming increasingly shrill and strident," he said. "They are becoming so because they recognize they are losing the war - which they started and are waging against us - and we are winning it."

"We are moral and they are immoral - as prejudice, bigotry, discrimination, homophobia and hatermongering always are," Kameny said. The crowd responded to the speech with a long standing ovation.

## No mere tools

Some labor activists who attended the conference expressed concern that without clear

as much autonomy as possible."

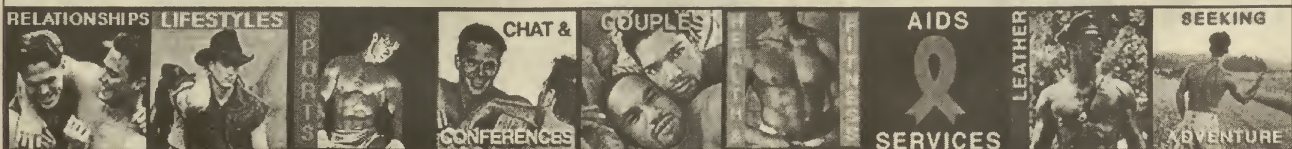
Wallace and a regional AFL-CIO representative also spoke out about the need for lesbian and gay workers to build coalitions with other groups.

One workshop that drew a packed crowd concerned domestic partners benefits, and included strategies for convincing companies to provide such benefits to lesbian and gay workers. It included a presentation by a gay activist with Disney who was instrumental in the successful effort to obtain the benefits for that company's workers.

Disney was recently the focus of a vicious campaign by Reverend Donald Wildmon and the American Family Association for providing the benefits.

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# Sensitive matters for White House guards and California cops

by Mike Salinas

**A**pril is a month for sensitivity — specifically, sensitivity training about gay and AIDS issues for peace officers — throughout the state of California and in the nation's capital.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center-Museum of Tolerance is expanding the materials used in the state-mandated Peace Officers Standards and Training program, at the request of Assemblywoman Carole Migden, to include sexual orientation sensitivity training. POST, as the program is known, trains officers in ways to stop prejudice and intolerance in their communities and teaches skills that help them better communicate and interact with different communities.

The change is part of a statewide effort to improve tolerance within law enforcement, an effort that included a Tuesday, April 16 vote by Assembly Budget Subcommittee 4 to approve a \$2 million budget augmentation for that purpose. Migden, a lesbian former San Francisco supervisor, is a member of that subcommittee.

"I was pleased the Simon Wiesenthal Center was amenable to adding sexual orientation to this vital training program," Migden said afterwards. "This will add lesbians and gays as a class to the POST program and move law enforcement forward to increase their sensitivity and cultural tolerance toward all people."

Previous efforts to include sexual orientation in the POST program have all failed, despite lobbying by lesbian and gay community organizers in the early 1990s.

## Gloves for everyone

This month also saw a change at the White House, where the director of the United States Secret Service apologized for an incident that infuriated gay officials who visited in June 1995. Most of the Secret Service agents who came in contact with the officials at that meeting wore latex gloves, an action criticized by the visitors for its lack of sensitivity.

It took ten months, but on April 1 Secret Service Director Eljay B. Bowron sent letters to the lesbian and gay visitors, in which he frankly apologized for the incident. Openly gay Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank

praised Bowron's letter and its "contrast to previous communications from the Secret Service."

Frank said in a press release he had been disappointed in the Secret Service's earlier reluctance to admit their inappropriate actions, then praised Bowron's letter for its forthrightness. "In this letter Secret Ser-

ment to "make it explicitly clear that they had learned from this incident and would take steps to prevent its recurrence."

According to Bowron's letter, "two categories of steps" have been taken since the incident.

"The first was to provide training on both sensitivity and AIDS,"

he wrote, the "glove policy ... was discretionary. Officers wore gloves when they chose to wear them."

Now, according to Bowron, the policy has been changed with input from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, so that "all officers are instructed to wear gloves when doing searches of individuals or their baggage."

The gloves were described as

"cut-and-puncture resistant ... deemed more suitable than the previous type of gloves."

Now that "the same rules regarding the wearing of gloves apply to all visitors to the White House without discrimination," he wrote, "I am confident that our policy changes will ensure that Secret Service personnel treat all individuals with respect and dignity." ▼

## Secret Service Director Bowron clearly says, "I am sorry."

vice Director Bowron clearly says, "I am writing to apologize," and closes by saying, "I am sorry," he said.

"I appreciated President Clinton's strong repudiation of this action immediately after it happened," Frank said, although he was disturbed at the time that the Secret Service made no commit-

ment to "make it explicitly clear that they had learned from this incident and would take steps to prevent its recurrence."

Next, he wrote, "The second step was to establish a clear, unambiguous policy on the use of gloves." At the time of the incident,

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# It's ACT UP vs. ACT UP

## ...vs. ACT UP, vs. ACT UP...

by Mike Salinas

A battle is brewing between ACT UP/San Francisco and ACT UP/New York over proceeds from various "Red, Hot and ..." AIDS fundraising albums. The controversial San Francisco group, which has long battled ACT UP/Golden Gate over the legality of using the activist group's name in the Bay Area, has learned others in the national ACT UP network are also suspicious of its "validity."

ACT UP/SF is the group that zapped the local GOP headquarters, leaving behind red painted handprints on the walls and office equipment; disrupted Project Inform's tenth anniversary dinner, prompting activist Larry Kramer to hiss at arrested member Michael Bellefountaine, "I founded ACT UP and I am so ashamed of you"; and enraged many in the

community last month by disrupting an open discussion about protease inhibitors. ACT UP/Golden Gate, its nemesis, lobbies for better pharmaceutical distribution and openly challenges the legality of the other group's name — which it calls "Act Up San Francisco," derisively refusing even to acknowledge the acronym.

The opening salvo in the battle over the money from the record sales was fired by ACT UP/Los Angeles, which notified the New York chapter (and four others, but not ACT UP/SF) that its entire membership "unanimously voted to decline any Red Hot money currently being distributed by the ACT UP Network."

"We do not want ACT UP/LA to be perceived as part of a process that is exclusionary, unfair, and undemocratic," the April 10 e-mail continued. "We object to the distribution amounts allo-

cated and the stipulations attached that take away autonomy from each ACT UP chapter."

The next day Dave Pasquarelli of ACT UP/SF contacted the New York chapter to inquire about the distribution of "about \$75,000 in Red, Hot & Blue money."

Pasquarelli continued, "I also understand that questions have arisen concerning the validity of certain ACT UP chapters as well as among which groups this money will be divided. ...It is no mystery that the members of ACT UP/SF have been excluded from virtually all ACT UP Network goings-on. This does not preclude us from wanting to know what we need to do to participate in the process to obtain our portion of Red, Hot & Blue donations."

Pasquarelli demanded to know the process by which the money was to be distributed, and, after asking for the deadline for filing paperwork and complaining that ACT UP/SF had not been contacted about it, he asked, "On what criteria do ACT UP chapters qualify for this money? Who makes the decision as to qualification eligibility? Are these decisions made by consensus? Which chapters currently qualify; which do not and which are ambiguous?"

### 'The question of authenticity'

The response from ACT UP/NY confirmed "a grant being



ACT UP/SF's David Pasquarelli and Michael Bellefountaine.

given to the AU Network," although not "by the Red, Hot, and Blue organization, which no longer exists. ...The grant is from the Red Hot organization, which is a new entity that has no legal connections to Red Hot and Blue. So, while the RHB grant offers a comparative guide, it is not a set template."

The message also confirmed that "the general floor of ACT UP/NY had a series of votes last week" to determine the "authenticity of your group" and whether it "should be excluded from the automatic grantees, yet be allowed to apply to the grant pool."

The New York group declined to determine the validity of the group "positively or negatively," but said, "We stand by ...our letter of last year condemning your group's public attack on ACT UP/Golden Gate."

The second vote determined that ACT UP/SF should be allowed to apply for the grant pool, and the group "decided not to vote on" a third question, whether to call for the group "to renounce violent tactics."

The e-mail acknowledged that "the floor of ACT UP/NY is greatly interested in hearing your side of the controversies of the last two years, in case the point comes when we may have to vote on the question of authenticity."

"Could you please compile a dossier that responds to the various charges leveled at your group

and forward it to NY?"

It was suggested ACT UP/SF begin by replying to the widely-circulated letter entitled "People with AIDS Say: Back Off, \*ACT UP SF\*! We need treatment information," in which more than two dozen Bay Area people with AIDS blasted the group's disruption of the protease inhibitor forum.

"Also," ACT UP/NY said, "a response to our original letter of protest against your denunciation of AU/GG would be helpful."

### 'Elitist, judgmental attitude'

Pasquarelli responded after bringing the matter before an April 15 ACT UP/SF meeting, out of which, he said, "came a series of responses from members of ACT UP/SF to issues raised in your letter."

"In addition," he added, "members voted on whether our chapter wanted to pursue involvement in the Red Hot process specifically and in the ACT UP Network in general."

He wrote that "many members of ACT UP/SF were disturbed by the elitist, judgmental attitude of ACT UP/NY as exemplified by recent actions, proposals and votes by your general body in attempts to determine the 'authenticity' of the San Francisco chapter."

"Since communication between the two chapters has been virtually non-existent for over a

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# Boycott averted by price cut: Stadtlanders makes some Crixivan less outlandish

by Dennis Conkin

Stadtlanders Pharmacy, the Pennsylvania-based nationwide mail order prescription service, announced Friday, April 19 it would discount the price of Crixivan, the Merck and Company protease inhibitor, to cash-paying customers.

The decision to provide the discount to cash customers came after a Thursday, April 18 conference call between the company and AIDS activists, who had threatened a boycott of the firm over what it called the "price-gouging" costs of the drug.

The drug is in short supply and available exclusively through the mail order pharmacy, and to be effective, it must be taken without interruption on a strict dosing and strength schedule.

Stadtlanders had initially said that an estimated 80 percent of people receiving the drug from the company would receive it at "deeply discounted" prices, with mark-ups of only 5-16 percent. However, the initial price announced to all customers was \$495 per month—or a mark-up of 37 percent above the price Merck sold it to the pharmacy.

"The community issue was that people paying cash couldn't afford it," said Stadtlanders spokesperson Karen Jacobi.

A solution to the problem was found through Community Prescription Service, a kind of buyer's club to which Stadtlanders and other retail drug outlets belong.

CPS cardholders will be able to buy the drug at what amounts to a 20 percent discount, or \$13.20 a day.

AIDS Drug Assistance Programs and other contractors such as Medicaid will have no change in retail price, Jacobi told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

"We're really pleased," said ACT UP/Golden Gate member Steve Le Blanc. "It's a win-win situation."

According to Le Blanc, the Golden Gate, Philadelphia, and New York chapters of the AIDS activist group participated in the call. Other participants included members of the groups People With AIDS Coalition, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Project Inform, and others.

Stadtlanders is the company that gained international publicity in 1994 for its sponsorship of the mile-long rainbow flag, carried during the 25th anniversary of the NYC Stonewall riot. ▼

## ACT UP vs...

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year," he continued, "the only way anyone from ACT UP/NY could verify who we are and what we do is by formally asking us (which no one has had the decency to do) or sending a representative to join us at one of our meetings (which you have not). We failed to see why your organization would waste time better spent fighting AIDS trying to make such determinations of 'validity' without any first-hand knowledge of us. To proceed to make any decisions about our chapter on the basis on hearsay from other ACT UP chapters is lazy, immature and invalid on your part and insulting to our members and their commitment to fighting AIDS."

Pasquarelli dismissed ACT UP/NY's earlier letter of condemnation, calling it "1) entirely inaccurate and biased and therefore unacknowledged by our chapter as a serious good-faith attempt at communication and 2) meaningless in the sense that ACT UP/NY holds no authority over granting recognition to any ACT UP chapter."

From there he professed to find it "highly ironic that ACT UP/NY, a chapter that recently lost its work space and equipment, that has a fraction of the members that it once had, and that barely represents the militant, direct action group of the 1980s would have the audacity to order any chapter to compile a dossier

of information documenting their activities in exchange for its 'approval' for funding."

Except for that veiled reference, nothing was said about the "Back Off, ACT UP/SF" open letter.

Some of Pasquarelli's more concrete proposals called for a "commitment to civil resistance and ...to foster[ing] radical AIDS activism among smaller chapters situated in rural America; ones that do not have the resources afforded by big cities."

He reiterated that ACT UP/SF is "interested in securing the portion of Red Hot funds that is rightfully ours ... only on the condition that we committed to ensuring that a substantial amount of the funding is used to create and/or support the smaller, independent chapters struggling on the front lines in rural America. Also, our chapter is personally committed to ensuring that any funds received be used to engage in militant, non-violent civil resistance to end the AIDS crisis."

Additionally, he wrote, "The members of ACT UP/SF call on the ACT UP Network to begin ... making a concerted effort to include all existing ACT UP chapters in a fair and democratic process."

"A good starting point would be to convene a conference call," he suggested, "or perhaps organize a national ACT UP meeting in Vancouver during the AIDS Conference and/or in San Diego during the Republican National Convention." ▼

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# Experts call home HIV tests misleading, possibly illegal

by Rene Astudillo

Consumers eager to know about their HIV status should beware of so-called home kits promising a self-testing procedure that detects antibodies to HIV using saliva. Health professionals and community AIDS organizations have expressed concern over recent published mail-order ads (including one that has appeared in previous issues of the B.A.R.), announcing the availability of these kits that supposedly do not require blood draws or laboratory analyses. The kits are being sold at prices ranging from \$19 to \$35.

Epee Rafanan, director of the trilingual AIDS hotline of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF), told the B.A.R. that the hotline has received increased calls inquiring about the home test kits in the last several weeks. Rafanan said that callers are being advised that the FDA has not approved any such home test kit, and therefore the sale of these kits for its explicit purpose may be illegal in the United States.

Some of the ads that have recently appeared in newspapers

claim an almost 100% accuracy of results from the home test using saliva, and the products are similar to the home pregnancy testing device that changes color if the test result is positive. SFAF maintains that no readily available data can substantiate any claims of accuracy by the kits' manufacturers.

Barbara Adler of the UCSF AIDS Health Project (AHP) also confirmed increased inquiries about the home test kits to its HIV testing phone line. AHP administers the HIV anonymous testing sites in the city.

One of the companies advertising the HIV home test is Amerisystems Biologicals International, which lists its mailing address as a post office box in the Cayman Islands. A recent call to its toll-free credit card order line revealed that the company's 800 number is "not in service."

The only non-blood-based HIV antibody testing procedure that has the FDA's stamp of approval is a product called OraSure, manufactured by the Oregon-based company EpiTope, Inc., but even this procedure is not intended for home use.

Approved by FDA in late 1994, OraSure consists of both an oral specimen collection device and a specific test to analyze the specimen for the presence of HIV antibodies. The test system includes a specially treated cotton pad on a

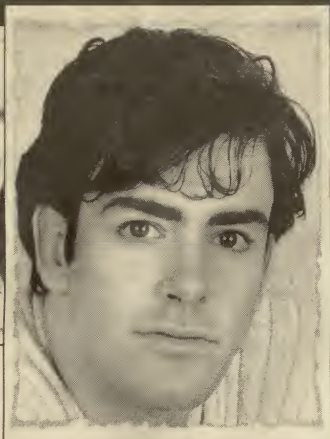
stick and a preservative solution in a plastic container.

Collection of oral specimen is performed by properly trained personnel under a physician's supervision. The collector instructs the subject to place the pad between the lower gum and cheek to obtain a sample of oral fluid. The pad is then stored in a preservative until the sample is processed and analyzed by a qualified laboratory. The sample is tested for HIV antibodies using the Oral Fluid Vironostika HIV-1 Microelisa system, which is similar to the Elisa test used on blood samples.

Test results are reported to a medical professional who is responsible for conveying the results to the patient. In order to confirm a positive test result from the oral fluid sample, the patient would still need to come in to the doctor's office or clinic for a blood test.

There continues to be a debate around the concept of an HIV home test kit. While most AIDS organizations agree that it would provide another option for people to determine their HIV status while increasing access to HIV testing, many issues remain unresolved. Among these issues are assurances of anonymity or confidentiality for the patient, accuracy of the tests, and the all-important pre- and post-test counseling. ▼

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## CDC gives high rating to fast plasma HIV antibody test

*But it still isn't available here*

by David Batterson

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta has found the HIV antibody test Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2 works as well as other licensed HIV assays, but much faster, and has purchased more of the tests for research in Atlanta and epidemiology purposes in Kenya. The CDC presented its findings in an abstract at the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Laboratory Directors annual conference in Florida.

Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2, a low cost test that detects HIV antibodies within a few minutes, was developed by Saliva Diagnostic Systems, Inc. (SDS) of Washington state. Despite the name of the manufacturer, Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2 does not detect HIV antibodies in saliva; it uses serum and plasma for detection.

The CDC abstract described Sero\*Strip as a "rapid, low-cost HIV antibody assay which requires no refrigeration or automated equipment and is applicable to a variety of field testing settings."

The study compared Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2 to standard, widely-used enzyme immunoassays (EIA) and Western blot (WB) tests.

According to the study, Sero\*Strip results for HIV seroconversion panels were equivalent to the EIA/WB results. Combinations of Sero\*Strip with other simple rapid tests in HIV testing algorithms yielded results that were 99.8% sensitive and specific. The CDC evaluation of the test used over 1,000 serum samples infected with various subtypes of HIV.

SDS President Ronald L. Lealos said, "We are very pleased with these results, coming from an objective source and an agency such as the CDC. The results indicate that Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2 is comparable in efficacy to other licensed HIV tests." Lealos cited SDS's advantage over the other tests, saying "ours produce results in minutes, are affordable, and do not require the use of a laboratory."

Meanwhile, a recent evaluation by the Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control also showed excellent results in both sensitivity



## HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

# Those nasty molluscum

by Matthew Sharp ACT UP/  
Golden Gate Writer's Pool

**M**olluscum contagiosum, a benign but annoying complication of HIV, is being seen more as people are living longer with the disease. A painless, hard, pimple-like lesion in the skin, molluscum are caused by an unclassified double-stranded DNA pox virus.

Two strains of molluscum have been identified with no clinical difference between them. The center of each lesion holds the active virus, which must be completely removed or the molluscum will spread. Molluscum are seen in non-HIV infected children and adults with sexually transmitted diseases, and in other diseases of altered immunity including HIV/AIDS. Nine to 18 percent of people with HIV and AIDS have molluscum. (Goodman DS et al: *J Am Acad Dermatol*, and Matís WL et al: *J Am Acad Dermatol*.)

Children who get molluscum in a public setting usually are not treated — the molluscum go away on their own. However, due to altered immunity in people with HIV or AIDS, molluscum can be quite severe and the lesions need to be aggressively treated. There are often more of them than in non-infected individuals and they can grow to enormous size. Although molluscum are never life-threatening, they can affect quality of life in that their appearance can be quite frightening. Also, poor treatments and misdiagnosis can cause further scarring, and pain, leading to a poorer quality of life.

In HIV, molluscum are limited to the epidermis (the outer layer of the skin) and are seen on the face, upper shoulders, chest, and back. They occasionally appear in mucous membranes; they are never internal. There are rare cases where molluscum can cause conjunctivitis, an eye irritation, when they grow on the eyelid. In people with HIV who let their molluscum go, the appearance can be misleading in the beard area and have sort of a flat cobblestone effect.

Sometimes the molluscum can look like skin manifestations of cryptococcus, histoplasmosis, and even basal cell carcinoma. Seen in the genital area, they can look like genital warts. Molluscum, however, can always be diagnosed in a dermatological setting where appropriate equipment is available.

## Get aggressive

Early aggressive therapy is a message we have heard many

times in HIV treatment, but must not be underestimated in eliminating molluscum. Sanford Schnoll, MD, a local dermatologist who specializes in HIV-related skin disorders, stated, "I feel very strongly that people should be treated extremely aggressively, using modalities that will cause the least amount of scarring and provide the best cosmetic result. Some of the repercussions of some cosmetic results can affect general health and well-being."

Schnoll treats patients upon diagnosis, usually on their first visit. He aggressively goes after the lesion to completely destroy it. Opportunities for destruction of the molluscum include 1) chemical modalities such as TCA (trichloroacetic acid, skin peel), podophilyum, Condyllox, cantharidine, and Retin A; 2) physical interventions such as liquid nitrogen, electrodesiccation (burning with a needle), curettage (scraping with a surgical instrument) and laser.

According to Schnoll, "...in HIV-positive patients only the very destructive methods work; such as aggressive liquid nitrogen, which can have a high relapse rate, but I don't think that is the best way. Some of my patients express their frustration at this method, having been treated with liquid nitrogen by other doctors for years with recurrence and spread." Schnoll will anesthetize each lesion and then electrodesiccate it, following by scraping out the viral body. According to him this is the most effective method.

Pain involved in these treatments is usually minimal unless multiple lesions are involved. Schnoll uses an experimental application of Efudex (5-fluorouracil — a topical therapy used in cancer), as an extra precaution to keep the spread of molluscum at bay. He warns that it should not be applied to open or healing sores.

## Trial and error

Since MCV (molluscum contagiosum I virus) cannot be grown in culture, more effective treatments will probably not be found except by trial and error in the clinical setting. The most effective treatment in the future will probably be stimulating the immune system to work as it should. Schnoll stated that he has seen molluscum go away with AZT therapy, so it may follow that the more powerful antiviral combinations with protease inhibitors will work even better. Systemic pro-

phylaxis for molluscum will not be a reality, due to lack of research and the relative ease of treating lesions right now.

There is debate about how molluscum is spread. Reactivation of latent MCV which occurs as people lose the ability to fight infection seems to be the cause. Ninety percent of people in the normal population have antibodies to molluscum (Smith KJ et al: *Arch Dermatol*).

Acquiring molluscum through new infections by sexual contact is a reality.

Shaving is thought to be the worst cause of the spread of molluscum in HIV-positive males. Schnoll recommends growing a beard, but for those who don't like the beard look, certain precautions with shaving should be heeded. Shave with disposable razors. Thoroughly wash the razor of all residue before applying the razor to the face again. Shave the area that has had molluscum on it last. Finally, there is no research to show if electric razors slow the spread of molluscum.

Any possible mode of scraping the skin and using unclean razors is a means for contacting MCV.

Schnoll expressed a concern of dermatologists who treat molluscum with electrodesiccation, over the possible spread of the HIV virus in smoke plumes resulting from this procedure. There is little research however, to show that HIV can be spread in this way. Dermatologists should heed universal precautions anyway, and understand fully that the likelihood of transmission in the smoke plume is nil. ▼



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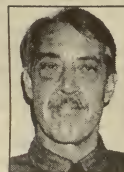
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## CDC

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ity and specificity for Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2. In their evaluation completed in March, the Swedish agency found that Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2 was able to detect HIV antibodies in 100% of selected HIV-positive serum samples taken from patients in Sweden and parts of Africa.

The evaluation also stated, "The performance of the assay was very simple and it was easy to read visually. One of the many advantages with Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2 is the stability of test results that can be kept for many days after running the assay."

Sero\*Strip was even able to find HIV antibodies that had escaped detection by several other assays, the agency said. The specificity, or ability to avoid false positives, of Sero\*Strip was also 100%, according to the study.

"These findings have been duplicated around the world and have led to increasing sales for Sero\*Strip HIV-1/2 in areas such as Brazil, Turkey, England, and the Middle East," Lealos said.

SDS products also include Hema\*Strip HIV-1/2, a rapid HIV test that uses a drop of whole blood for analysis; like Sero\*Strip, it is not available in United States. Both products are marketed from Singapore to many countries outside the U.S. ▼



# There are no neutrals there

by Michael C. Botkin

Cobb County, down in Atlanta Olympic land, got a rude brush-off; the Olympic Torch, which will pass through just about every hamlet in the U.S., will avoid Cobb County. This is because Cobb, panic-stricken at the notion of queer Olympic athletes, passed a law making it illegal for gays to reside in Cobb County.

As solutions go, I think it's a very sound one. It doesn't cost anything; it doesn't even cost any-

thing to Cobb County. It's true there was no specific debate on it, but then Cobb has been debating gays in the county for a couple of years now. It's hard to believe that they would have backed down.

Cobb's law stresses that "gay lifestyles are not compatible with the life lived in our county." Well, I'm glad we agree on something.

Not that I'm likely to go to the Olympics at all. I was cruising along, feeling fine on Human Growth Hormone, weighing in at 145, and in general feeling like a fully alive human being again. Then, when I

went to my HGH physician's assistant, he told me, "Well, you're all done! That's three months, so you've finished the trial."

I was a bit panicky but leaned as much as I could from the PA. "I don't know anyone who's been on it more than three months," he replied. I answered that I knew of at least half a dozen guys who'd been on it for more than a year — and they looked just fine.

I quizzed the PA a little more. If I lost enough weight, I could be reaccepted. This is insane. You take a wasting person, boost their weight, and then after three months, you take away the HGH and wait for them to get sick again. If they do — and don't die — perhaps you can start again.

Of course, part of my problem might be that he's not really my doctor. Only 12 docs in the San Francisco area are authorized to administer HGH. So I hooked up with him, but I still feel that I'm a stranger, this irritating queer who comes in and makes a ruckus every few weeks. It's not that I want to make a ruckus; it just

seems necessary.

## AIDS is not cheap

It was through working with my HGH doctor that I learned about the immense amounts of money earned by well-known AIDS doctors. I expected them to be expensive, but really!

One doctor, who I interviewed a couple of years ago, had at that time criticized massive AIDS practices: "I don't see how any doctor could reliably keep track of several thousand patients." Nowadays he works for the largest AIDS practice in the city and charges \$500 for an initial consult, which may not sound too bad until you realize it's mostly a lecture on vitamins, minerals, and exercise.

Other big-name doctors are about the same. A one-time consult costs literally hundreds of dollars. Once you're accepted as a patient, the price goes down — but

not too much.

I suppose this isn't so much if you've got either good insurance or lots of money. I, alas, have neither. When I talk with my HGH doc, I go to the desk afterward and pay the full fee, which is rarely under a hundred bucks.

For the most part, I've handled HIV surprisingly cheaply. My HGH is paid for by MediCal (or was); I draw funds from the AIDS Emergency Fund and dogfood from PAWS. But these every other week soakings were beginning to get to me.

So this hold-up of HGH demonstrated something else to me: AIDS is not cheap. Even if you manage to cover everything, there's no guarantee that some new, icky OI will come along and topple you down again, costing you health and money.

Of course, most PWAs try to avoid thinking about this, which is kind of like not thinking about elephants. But if you spend every moment of every day worrying about the disaster that could happen any moment, you simply won't have much fun.

It may sound like the only way for an advanced HIVer to survive is to engage in some delusions. It strikes me as a small enough sacrifice. In fact, plenty of HIV negatives also engage in little mind games, and if it's good enough for them, it's good enough for me.

## Harder each time

The thing I dislike the most about losing HGH is the swift and dramatic change I went through. In the 12 weeks while I was on the stuff, I gained about a pound a day. At the end of the 12 weeks, I was topping the scales at 145.

The moment I stopped getting HGH, the process began to reverse. It is now three weeks since my cutoff, and I weigh 125. And this is not just pounds, but active muscle tissue. As a result, bicycling is more of a challenge, and all daily activities are much harder. I spend a lot more time napping and often don't answer the phone.

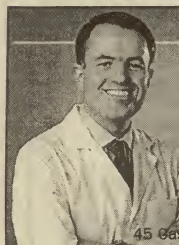
This is what I resent the most, the falling out of my "normal" lifestyle and having to take on the persona of a PWA, a person who really can't be trusted by himself. These are the little nuances that drive a PWA's life.

Yet there's no help for it, except for a cure of the OIs that keep me so low.

The past couple of nights, I've taken bags of hydration, after I'd fallen over a few times in the night. It was assumed that I was dehydrated and needed the extra solution. And maybe I was, but the routine of hooking up to the IV for several hours was pretty demoralizing.

Of course, one can decide when to embrace and when to shy away from a standard treatment. I could have refused the hydration, but it would have led me into conflict with my nurse, my partner, and my doctor. Overall, it would be the beginning of my withdrawal from treatment, and I'm not ready for that yet.

Once again, I'm at the bottom of the PWA existence, and must put most of my energy into getting back to something more closely approximating ordinary health. I've done it before and I'm willing to do it again, but it does get harder each time. ▼



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NEW TRIAL



## New research does not change message: Oral sex is 'safe'

by Bob Roehr

New research showing that HIV actively reproduces in the mucous membranes that lie above the lymph glands of the throat has led some to conclude wrongly that oral sex is not safe.

The study found HIV-1 in those tissues "abundant in patients who are clinically well," wrote senior author Ralph Steinman, M.D., a researcher at the Rockefeller University, in the April 5 issue of *Science*.

He suggested that "infants who swallow virus from infected mothers during birth may be infected initially in the mucosal surface of the tonsils."

Furthermore, inflammation of mucosal tissue may make it easier for secondary infections to occur.

Alvin Novick, M.D., a professor of biology at Yale University, headed up the policy group of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) which studied transmission risks of oral sex. Their report issued in March concluded that "Most studies have not found a statistically identifiable risk."

"One wants to know as much as possible about the mouth and throat," said Novick of the *Science*

article. "It doesn't preclude the possibility of infection through oral sex, but it is not possible to go any further than that."

"They don't give us any idea where this number of patients came from, or anything about what they did in their lives. It tells us nothing else from the point of view of prevention."

He called it useful science, "but that doesn't change the epidemiology; (oral sex) doesn't seem to be a realm through which infection takes place" to any great extent.

HIV is not a localized but a systemic infection. Thus infection through an initial point of entry may soon manifest itself in the blood and lymph systems as well as in major organs such as the brain. Its isolation in mucosal tissue is no surprise.

For GLMA executive director Benjamin Schatz, "The confusion and mixed messages surrounding oral sex are harming our efforts to encourage gay men to make rational choices about truly risky behavior."

In the language of the GLMA report: "Prevention efforts should focus explicitly on unprotected anal intercourse" as the principle means of HIV infection among gay men. ▼

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## Library science



Jane Philomen Cleveland

Watched over by the 22' x 11' *Into the Light* mural, an allegorical representation of gay and lesbian history and culture by acclaimed San Francisco artists Mark Evans and Charley Brown, Alison Huang tries out the high-tech facilities at the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center of the New Main Library. The library opened to mostly plaudits and a huge crowd on April 18, and San Franciscans have been flocking there in record numbers ever since.

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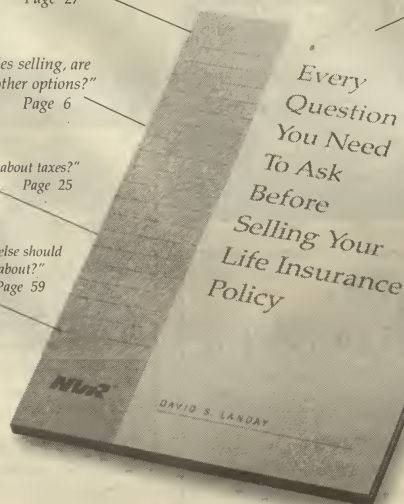
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## Rev. Deacon Cyril Allen Bell (The Padré)

April 14, 1996

Rev. Deacon Cyril Allen Bell (The Padré) fought 10 years against AIDS and 11 years against cancer. He succumbed to an AIDS cancer and went to peace with God. During those years, he fought poverty, for human rights and for decent, affordable housing for those homeless or sick. He helped convince Congress to create the Section 8 Hotel Program with the aid of Congresswoman Pelosi. Mostly for people with AIDS, it inspired the H.O.R.W.A. Program.

The Padré successfully gained SSI benefits for over 150 people, after being told they weren't eligible. He fought a bureaucracy that couldn't deny God's justice. And for those "freed" into an oppressive parole system, without clothing or means of support, he demanded a greater awareness from the state of their needs.

The Padré is survived by his mother, Anna; brother, Douglas; sister-in-law, Rita; many nephews; a niece; and one great-nephew. He insists that "I am still well and active, just no longer part of the physical world." He wants us to join him in praying for much needed help from God to end AIDS for all time.

## Daniel R. Fedorek

Dec. 17, 1953 – April 20, 1996



On Saturday, April 20, close friends at his side, Dan passed peacefully from this life into God's hands as he lay in the arms of his partner and soulmate, Craig Bradley.

Born in Oil City, Penn., Dan graduated from the University of Pittsburgh before jour-

neying to California with his longtime love, Mike Kelly. In San Francisco, he worked as an executive for McDonald's Corporation and for Macy's California.

In addition to Craig, Dan is survived by his beloved mother, Jane; sister, Donna; and aunts, Sophia and Sister Mary Julianne, all of Pennsylvania. Dan leaves many special friends, including those at the AIDS Health Project, where he volunteered countless hours, and at Most Holy Redeemer Church, where he served as a lector.

My sweet Dan, we will all miss you so much, but no one more than me. You were an angel who touched and changed many lives with your smile and gentle spirit. Even though it is breaking, I will hold you in my heart until we meet again. I love you. Your love is my life's greatest honor.

A memorial Mass will be said for Dan at Most Holy Redeemer Church, on Saturday, April 27, at 11 a.m.

## Carl Brian Fendrych

April 12, 1996



Carl Brian Fendrych's soul left his body for his last eternal voyage on April 12. He was a true connoisseur of life, relishing every experience it brought his way.

Carl's energy and unquenchable lust for life's challenges brought him new adventures around the world. His love of travel was equalled only by his appreciation of the new friendships he made wherever he went. His bright smile and engaging wit opened many doors to the varied opportunities of life. He was a fantastic chef and enjoyed entertaining, dancing with friends and quiet romantic interludes with his partner.

Carl is resting in peace now, but the void created by his passing is deeply felt by his family and friends. We miss you, Carl; love always.

There will be a celebration of Carl's life on Sunday, April 28. Please call 864-4422 if you wish to attend.

## Ricardo Gallardo

Oct. 29, 1953 – April 8, 1996



Ricardo Gallardo, artist, craftsman, gourmet, loyal friend and Renaissance man, passed from this life late in the evening of April 8. As in life, apparently Ricardo knew when it was time

for the party to end.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Ricardo touched thousands of lives with his artistic talent. His props and

creations provided a dramatic backdrop to many opera, ballet and theatrical productions here and in London. His restorative skills brought new vitality and life to antiques and the artistic works of talented souls that had occupied this world before him.

He will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know his kind heart, contagious laugh and generous smile.

A festive celebration is planned for Sunday, May 5, by a legion of his admirers. For information, please call 415/255-4992.

## Robert (Bob) I. Hoffman

1943 – 1996



At rest in San Francisco, March 31, 1996. Born in New York in 1943, Bob came to the Bay Area in 1978. He was awarded a bachelor's in public administration from USF in 1981 and an M.S. from Golden Gate University in 1985. He served 12 years at BART, where he was manager of Budget and Administration at the time of his departure.

Bob was a devoted friend – full of generosity, wit and spirit. He enjoyed motorcycles, cigars and was an avid hockey fan.

Bob is survived by family and loving friends. Contributions in his memory can be sent to Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit, Oakland, CA 94609, or AmFAR, 733 Third Ave., 12th Floor, New York, NY 10017.

## Peter C. Iaria

1957 – 1996

Computer consultant/systems designer, motorcycle enthusiast, gourmand, world traveler, alumnus of Juilliard, M.I.T. and U.C. Berkeley. Survived by his parents, Carmelo and Vivian; brothers, Richard and Michael; sister, Carol; and a community of loving friends. Memorial service to be held on April 28 in San Francisco. For information call 415/252-7363.

## Thomas Robert Lindbloom

Feb. 11, 1953 – April 14, 1996



Tom left us Sunday after a long battle with AIDS, with his lifemate, Larry Gilstrap, and numerous friends at his side. He leaves his beloved mother, Helen of Florida; his sister, Holly of Laytonville; and his brother, John of Florinda.

Throughout his illness Tom never lost his unique sense of humor – a quality that people will remember the most. He was a woodworker and loved to build things. He took an artistic approach to everything he did. He loved to go shopping and never missed a bluelight special. He also loved to travel and saw the world with a childlike innocence.

Tom will be missed by all who knew him. Until we meet again at the great Kmart in the sky, I will hold you in my heart. Services were held at Pointed Tree on Saturday, April 20.

## Steve McDowell

1951 – 1996

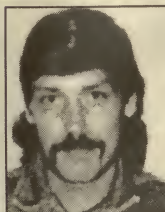


Our dear friend Steve McDowell died April 8 at his home in San Francisco.

Born in Chattanooga, Tenn., he grew up in Tampa, Fla. In high school he served an unprecedented two terms as a drum major. He was active in gay politics and was a founding member of Gay Community Services in Orlando, Fla.

Steve found home when he moved to San Francisco in 1979 with his lover, Steve Keith. A later partner was playwright C.D. Arnold. Steve was an early member of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and rejoined in 1994.

In the early days of the AIDS epidemic, Steve worked in the lab at San Francisco General's Ward 86. He later worked at the U.C. Medical Center, where he was also instrumental in fighting for union rights. In recent years, as an accomplished graphic artist, along with his love and knowledge of computers, he was a founding



## RONALD SCOTT HARTMAN

Sep. 23, 1962 • Apr. 16, 1996

Born in Madison, Wisconsin, Ron grew up in Romeoville, Illinois. From the age of 16 he was on his own. He lived in Chicago and Colorado before coming to San Francisco. When he was 22 he met Lyle Johnson, who was to become his

best friend, surrogate father and, eleven years later, caregiver through nearly two years of serious infections, the result of HIV. He fought the virus so successfully that at least three times he confounded Lyle and the doctors by rising from what they supposed was his last illness to go on with the battle.

Ron played the bass guitar. He enjoyed shooting pool, playing pinball and listening to rock-and-roll at his "home away from home", the Cinch. He will be missed by Mano and Richard and many friends there. Mostly he leaves a large empty space in the life of Lyle to be filled with years of memories and the assurance that Ron suffers no longer.

Special thanks are due the good people of Coming Home Hospice where Ron left us for the larger life. Also to Edwin Jones, now of Virginia, who cared for Ron when he first became ill. And to his dear friend, Ed Spradlin, who was at his side for countless hours over the last year in quiet and loving support.

Ron is survived by his mother, Jeanette, and three brothers, Alan, Billy and Jeff, all of Illinois. His father preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held for Ron at Pier 7 on Saturday, April 27th at 1:30. Friends should gather there, a few yards south of the corner of Broadway and the Embarcadero. Friends who wish to memorialize Ron are asked to donate to Coming Home Hospice in lieu of flowers.

Farewell, Ron. Rest in peace.



## OBITUARIES

publisher of *GRUF* magazine.

Steve will be remembered by his mother and sister in Tampa, Fla., and countless friends, loves and associates in San Francisco and beyond. Donations in Steve's name should be sent to the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and PAWS. A memorial is planned for June 1. Call 255-8427.

#### Alphonso W. Sloop

March 21, 1996



Alphonso Ward Sloop, age 46, died March 21 in San Francisco, after living with HIV since 1984.

A landscape designer for Melbourn Flowers and Plants, Alphonso was active in the Calvary Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon, participated in the choir and maintained the church gardens, and where he was an active member of the HIV support group. An unflinching regular at the Sunday Eagle charity beer bust, his ready smile and gentle laughter can never be forgotten. A loving individual, Alphonso was also deeply spiritual.

Alphonso is survived by his father, Frank Gray Sloop of Dublin, Va.; sisters and brother, Ruth Ann Whitener of Darlington, S.C.; Mary Elizabeth Montgomery of Roswell, Ga.; and Gray Sloop of Cheraw, S.C.; and their families. Alphonso is also survived by a large network of extended family in the Bay Area who celebrated his life with a memorial at Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco on Sunday, March 31, at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Alphonso requested that donations be made in his name to the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park (856 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA), where his name will be inscribed in The Circle of Friends.

#### Jack Etienne Torres

Oct. 8, 1950 - April 10, 1996



Jack Torres, 45, a tenor with the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus and formerly with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, died at 7 a.m. on April 10 in a hospital after living HIV positive for more

than a decade.

Born in Phoenix, Jack sang with the Phoenix Boys Chorus and the Phoenix Junior College chorus. In San Francisco, he was a U.S. government information officer, sang with the Civic Chorale and the gay men's chorus, and performed as "Aunt Hellen," a character on the Metropolitan Community Church's weekly public radio broadcasts in the 1970s.

In Los Angeles, he worked as a Sears driving instructor and supervisor. With the LA chorus, he marched in West Hollywood's gay parades; traveled to Eastern Europe on their groundbreaking concert tour; and sang in Washington, D.C., and at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

He is survived by his mother, Aurora Torres of Phoenix; his sister, Vicki Torres of Van Nuys; and close friends in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Toronto and other cities.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Wilshire Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

#### David Walland

April 11, 1996



David Walland, 31, died from AIDS complications in Los Angeles on April 11. He was held by life partner, Paul Clinton, and embraced by parents, Madelyn and Lawrence Walland; siblings,

Celia, Dianne, Eddie and Gregg Walland; plus many nephews and nieces.

David was also supported by his chosen family, Randy Colvin; Stevyn P.; Monique; Darryl W.; Matt F.; Matt B. and Todd; Chad B.; and Jeff and Waiyde P. He was met on his next big adventure by Freddie Mercury, Liberace and Jerome Caja.

David was a former resident of SF and a proud member of AA for 16 years. A memorial was held in LA on April 13 and a family funeral in Cleveland on April 20.

David was a great fan of music, fun and men. In his honor play some thrash really loud, laugh at a tasteless joke, and make love like a wild animal. David would've loved that.

#### Jeffrey J. Yontz

Jan. 7, 1964 - April 14, 1996



Jeff Yontz, 32, of Los Gatos, Calif., passed away on April 14 after a courageous battle with AIDS.

Jeff was raised in the Santa Cruz Mountains and attended Los Gatos High School, West Valley College, and graduated with a bachelor's in public relations from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at San Jose State University. Most recently he worked as the media relations manager for Boole and Babbage until declining health forced his retirement in late 1994.

Jeff will always be remembered as a caring, kind, loving, wise human being. He loved and relished life, placing a high value on friendship and new experiences and the great rewards they brought about.

Jeff is survived by his partner and soulmate, Michael McLain of Los Gatos; his parents, John and Carol Yontz of Los Gatos; his sister, Cindy Sebastiani of Dublin; and other loving family members and friends.

A private service was held at Soquel Cemetery, Soquel, Calif. A public celebration of life was also held Sunday, April 21, at the Loma Prieta Community Center, Los Gatos, Calif. Contributions can be made in Jeff's memory to Aris of Santa Clara County, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose, CA 95126-2304.

## Polio vaccine

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A newly-designed diagnostic research test has shown a correlation between retrotransposon antibody levels, CD4 count, and HIV viral load. It suggests another tool for tracking progression of HIV infection and staging therapeutic intervention.

Urnovitz points to the 1.6 million Americans who were infected with polio in the 1950s as children and seemingly recovered. Yet autopsies performed on accident victims of that age cohort consistently reveal high levels of polio virus fragments in the brain stem and other neural tissue.

"He identifies the 'inactivated' polio vaccine used in America from 1955 to 1961, which was grown in monkey kidney cells, as containing low levels of 'up to 18 contaminating monkey viruses. Many of the new syndromes have some association with the possible contaminates in the vaccine.'"

Urnovitz theorizes that a second agent, such as HIV, "causes an additional inflammatory response and causes a reemergence of all these old fragments, or a re-expression of them. ... Whammo, what happens is you get this crashing of the immune system."

In the case of Gulf War Syndrome, veterans were inoculated with a polio vaccine booster immediately before deployment. In later tests they have exhibited a low antibody response to certain polio serotypes. Urnovitz believes that battlefield cofactors of chemical or infectious agents, while the body was still building its immune response to the booster, overloaded the system and led to

**If the theory holds true, it would be "a major missing piece to the possible origins of chronic diseases." —Dr. Raphael Stricker**

chronic health problems.

He cites France, which has never used "live" polio vaccine, and correlates that with no incidents of Gulf War Syndrome among their returning troops or of chronic fatigue syndrome among the general population.

Dr. Raphael Stricker, an AIDS physician at the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco,

said that if the theory holds true, it would be "a major missing piece to the possible origins of chronic diseases." He called for research to determine whether exposure to contaminated polio vaccines is a risk factor in progression to AIDS, and "whether we should look for ways to minimize the inflammatory response to fragmented viruses." ▼



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## VAN R. AULT



Van R. Ault made his journey home on April 2, 1996 at 9:15 AM. Van dedicated many years of his life to helping others actualize their highest human potential and emotional wholeness.

Born in Chattanooga, TN on November 11, 1956, Van attended a southern military school. After moving to San Francisco in 1972, he attained a degree in Communications at the University of San Francisco. Additionally, he attended The Humanistic Hypnosis Center, The Alchemical Hypnotherapy Institute of the

Bay Area and the Hypnosis Training Institute of Los Angeles. He also completed a lengthy teacher's apprenticeship with Tamara Diaghilev.

Van was well known for the classes he developed and taught. His teaching career encompassed classes in personal growth, stress management and intuitive self-discovery. Though recognized for his special outreach to people living with HIV and cancer, Van supported people from all walks of life.

In 1986, Van began sharing The Radiance Technique® which he studied under Dr. Barbara Ray, the world's foremost authority of this subject. He became an Authorized Instructor and pioneered the use of The Radiance Technique® in conjunction with *Radiant Touch*™. This groundbreaking work was the topic of his first book, *Hypnotherapy and The Radiance Technique*®. This work was so successful that Van was featured in a video demonstrating the work in detail.

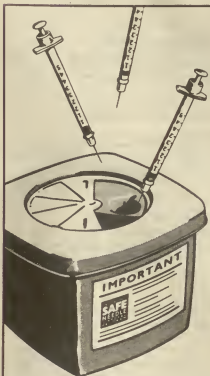
His second book, *The Radiance Technique*® and AIDS was published in January 1996 and has already received national acclaim. He is also remembered by many for his articles published in *Magical Blend* and the *San Francisco Chronicle* among various other publications.

Co-Founder of The Radiance Technique® AIDS Association West, a non-profit organization serving the Western US, Van also functioned as editor-in-chief of *Centerpoint*, a journal supporting TRT students all over the world.

Van had a great love for the redwood forest, for all members of the cat family (large and small), and for the privilege of spending hours writing at his computer. He had a sharp mind and a unique ability to make others laugh. He also found great joy in performing random acts of kindness. If you were ever walking in Golden Gate Park and found a bag full of change with a cheerful note wishing you a wonderful day, you can thank Van R. Ault.

Contributions may be sent in Van's memory to: The Radiance Technique® Association West (TRTAW), 3739 Balboa St., Suite 210, San Francisco, CA 94121.

Please Join Van's family and friends in a special memorial event to be held on Sunday, May 19, 1996 at 2 PM at the Firehouse at Fort Mason in San Francisco.



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## HRC

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half years to investigate and write the report and then the City Attorney had to endorse it," he said.

Legal action against the American Legion by the post is forthcoming, Wilson promised.

"The city's Human Rights Ordinance isn't that strong. It doesn't have many teeth," he said. "We're not interested in just censoring or embarrassing the American Legion. That's impossible. They are beyond embarrassment."

"We have to be punitive," Wilson said. "We would be delighted if they were evicted or if there were punitive financial damages."

## Various explanations

The gay veterans group suffered bias when the California Department of the American Legion refused to allow them to advertise in its periodical, Brinkin

## The American Legion is "beyond embarrassment."

said. The group also distributed anti-gay propaganda. Both groups have space in the building.

"The state department of the American Legion gave various explanations for the refusal to accept the Alexander Hamilton Post's advertising," Brinkin said.

The pretexts for the refusals, when the Post wanted to counter anti-gay articles that had appeared in the periodical, included claims that the publication accepted no political advertising, Brinkin said, despite the presence of other ads with political content.

The HRC investigation also found that anti-gay remarks about members of the AH Post had been made by officials connected with the state department of the American Legion.

"We were able to confirm

them, because they were made in front of witnesses," Brinkin said.

In addition, the HRC found that Swords to Plowshares, a veteran's service group that provides housing and social re-entry services to Vietnam-era and other vets who have experienced homelessness or other post-traumatic stress, had been discriminated against because of their support of the Alexander Hamilton Brigade.

Swords to Plowshares has been unable to obtain space at the War Memorial site because of the AL opposition to its efforts and anti-war political views.

A separate legal action against the state department is pending by the attorney for Swords to Plowshares after a Legion official allegedly taped the attorney's phone call to the group, according to Brinkin.

"That action is separate of any action by the Human Rights Commission," he told the Bay Area Reporter.

### 'Times change'

The California Department of the American Legion has an estimated 150,000 members and 600 chapters, and it does not agree with the findings of the Human Rights Commission, said AL spokesman Charles Allemen.

"We certainly don't agree with the results, but we'll live with them. There are several steps we might take and will go into a sensitivity program," he said.

"Times change — and we do, too. The accusations stem from God knows when."

At a press conference announcing the HRC findings, members of the post told the Bay Area Reporter that the successful complaint was due to the perseverance of the late Paul Hardman, a founder of the Alexander Hamilton post. ▼



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Send health resource listings to:

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Bay Area Reporter  
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San Francisco, CA 94103

**ACT UP Golden Gate**  
Meets Tues., Thurs. nights, 7:30pm at 592 B Castro St. Info: 252-9200.

**ACT UP SF**  
Committed to ending the AIDS crisis thru direct action. 1388 Haight St., #218 94117. Info: 522-2907.

**Acupuncture**  
The Community Acupuncture Project offers free acupuncture Wed., 9-11:30am, American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 450 Connecticut. 282-9603.

**AIDS Benefits Counselors**  
Professional review and counseling about benefits for people with AIDS/HIV+. Free. For intake scheduling, screening, referral, call 558-9845.

**AIDS Bereavement Group**  
Six week session begins Mon., May 6, 6:30-8:30pm. St. Mary's Med. Ctr., 2200 Hayes. Pre-registration required: 750-5718.

**AIDS Community Research Consortium**  
Conducts HIV and AIDS clinical trials at sites located in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. For a free listing of current trials available, call 800 864-ACRC.

**AIDS Dementia Unit**  
At St. Mary's Med. Center seeks volunteers. Call Ed Schultz, 750-4976.

**AIDS Emergency Fund**  
Provides financial assistance to people with disabling HIV. Office volunteers needed for day shifts. Call 558-6999.

**AIDS Health Project**  
Mixed caregivers and women's caregivers groups; drop-in groups for HIV+ and PWA, more. Info, intake interviews: 476-3902.

**AIDS Memorial Grove**  
Monthly workshops: wedding, clearing, replanting at Bowling Green Dr. and Middle Drive East, Golden Gate Park. Info: 750-8340.

**AIDS-Related Vision Loss Support Group**  
Meets 1st & 3rd Tues., 1pm at Rose Resnick Lighthouse, 214 Van Ness. 431-1481, ext. 209 or 215.

**AIDS Treatment Education Network**  
Provides free educational forums for people with HIV/AIDS. 284-6237.

**Alternative Family Project**  
Offers family counseling, support groups and events for families with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered members. 566-5683.

**Angel Pigs of SF**  
Seek volunteers to work checkout at Daddy's, raising funds for AIDS Emergency Fund. Contact Dennis or John at 626-7399.

**Baker Places**  
Provides housing for people with AIDS who have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. For info or intake call 284-1740.

**Bay Positives**  
Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. Ongoing support groups meet weekly. 487-1616.

**Bereavement Groups**  
For family, friends and partners who have lost a loved one to AIDS. Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF. 750-4404.

**Boy + Boy**  
Actions which promote safe sex among young gay and bi men. Tues., 7pm at Stop AIDS Project, 201 Sanchez. 431-2ACT x80V.

**Brothers Network Support Groups**  
HIV and Recovery, Mondays, 6:30pm, 973 Market, Suite 650. Call for schedule of other groups: 356-8140.

**Buddhist AIDS Project**  
Provides info on Buddhist resources, events, and HIV alternative health services. Call 522-7473.

**Clinica Esperanza**  
The HIV Clinic at Mission Neighborhood Health Center provides comprehensive bilingual HIV services. Sliding scale fees. 431-3212.

**Coming out support group for lesbians**  
Fri. mornings, 10:30-12, facilitated by Nathalie Paven, LCSW. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. 626-7000, x. 127.

**Coming out support group for men**  
Meets Weds., 6-7:30pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. Men of all ages welcome. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, PhD. Info: 626-7000.

**Community United Against Violence**  
Begins training Volunteer Counselors on their 24-hour crisis line. Call Nhu at 777-5500.

**Compassionate Care Hospice**  
Volunteer training begins May 4. Two Sat. sessions 5/4, 5/11 from 10am-4pm at 785 Market, Suite 850. To register, call Karen Geiger, 979-0925.

**Comprehensive Outreach Project for Asian Substance Abusers**  
Reduced risk of HIV infection thru counseling and treatment referrals. Multilingual. 541-9404.

**Connections**  
Is a confidential, one-on-one peer support focusing on HIV prevention by and for gay men of color, free. Call 356-8114.

**Continuum HIV Day Services**  
An adult day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Medical services, counseling, therapy, meals, activities. 241-5500.

**Davies Med. Center**  
Free classes for HIV+ people in needlepoint (Tues., Wed.), exercise (Tues., Thurs.), stress reduction (Mon.). Castro at Duboce. Info: 565-6369.

**Deaf AIDS Center**  
At UCSF Center on Deafness offers services to those with HIV experiencing hearing loss or deafness. Counseling, resources, practical support. Interpreting services and assisting devices on loan. 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

**Diabetics**  
Support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual Type I and Type II diabetics in SF and the East Bay. Info: 865-2933.

**DNCB Treatment Group**  
Discussion and support group focuses on cell-mediated immunity. First Thurs. of each month, 7:30pm, Gazebo Rm., Davies Med. Cntr., Castro & Duboce. 954-8896.

**Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS**  
Support groups, emotional & practical buddy program, food program and case management for PWAs in San Mateo Co. 572-9702.

**FABRIC**  
A support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning Asian and Pacific Islander youth 25-under, has drop-in every Tues., 6-8pm. GCHP, 30 Pearl St. 575-3839, x318/x504.

**Friends**  
A new group for gay and bisexual men, meets alternating Tuesdays, 7:30pm at Pride Center, 200 5th St., Santa Rosa. (707) 524-7373.

**Gay Fathers Support Network**  
Of Santa Rosa meets 1st & 3rd of every month, 7pm. Info: Mark (707) 523-6941.

**Gay/Lesbian Legal Referral Service**  
Seeks gay-sensitive law students as Law Clerks, one 3-hr. shift/week at GLRS office, Oakland. Info: 621-3900.

**Gay and Lesbian Tennis Federation**  
Offers activities for players of all abilities, membership mtgs. monthly. Info: Donna at 282-2453 or e-mail dmckins@aol.

**Gay Men's STD/V/D Clinic**  
Testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun, 5-7pm. HIV antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 5-7pm, 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

**Gay Young Spirit**  
A new spiritual/social group for gay men in their 20s & 30s, meets alternate Tues., 7:15pm, in SF. Call 703-7181.

**G40+ Club**  
A social group for gay/bi men 40 and over, meets 1st & 3rd Sundays every month, 2pm. Call 552-1997.

**Haight-Ashbury Free Clinics' Drug Detox**  
Rehabilitation and Aftercare Program, counseling and HIV education, free. Hector, 565-1909.

**Healing Alternatives Foundation**  
Maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club for health products. 1748 Market St. Info: 626-4053.

**Healing a Circle**  
Began as an HIV support group, now a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs. at The San Francisco Center for Living, 4054 18th St. 7-9pm. 252-1666.

**Health Support Services**  
For PWAs and their caregivers, Wednesdays 6-9pm, Marin Treatment Center, 1466 Lincoln Ave., San Rafael. Registration: 457-3755.

**Hepatitis "B" Testing**  
And vaccinations for young (15-23) gay and bisexual men, free. Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Sun, 5-7pm. (510) 644-0425.

**HIV Advocacy Network**  
Grassroots organizing project of SF AIDS Foundation; phone/fax tree action alerts, government lobbying. HIV Policy Watch newsletter. 487-3034.

**HIV/AIDS Services at Operation Concern**  
Ongoing support groups, individual and couples counseling, drop-in groups every week. Issues for HIV+ men, men with AIDS/ARC, partners and survivors. For information/intake, call Jill, 626-7000 x199. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St.

**HIV and African-American Gay/Bisexual Men**  
Support groups every Wed., 6:30-8pm. Brothers Network, 973 Market, Suite 650. 356-8140.

**HIV Care**  
Offers the latest clinical trials from the AmFAR community-based trial network and private industry, free to participants. Info: Sher Vieira, 353-6215.

**HIV Negative Gay Men's Support Group**  
In the South Bay, meets second and fourth Wed. of each month, 7pm. ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. Info: Pat Duffy, 408-293-2747.

**HIV Nutrition Discussion/Support Group**  
Offering monthly meetings at city clinics, call for info: CARE Program Nutritionists, 554-9121.



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**HIV Positive Drop-in Group**

Free, every Tues., 7pm. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka. 863-4434.

**HIV Positive Youth Group**

18-25, meets every Wed., 7pm. ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. (408) 293-2747.

**Housing and Client Assistance Program for PWAs**

Provides emergency housing and financial help to residents of San Mateo Co. Mental Health Assn. of San Mateo Co.: 368-9989.

**Immune Enhancement Project**

Treats persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

**Introduction to HIV Treatment Options**

Project Inform Town Mtg., free. Wed., May 1, 6:30pm. 1965 Market, Suite 220. 558-8669.

**Iris Center**

Women's counseling and recovery services for women with HIV, no/low fee. 333 Valencia St. Info: 864-2364.

**Lambda Youth and Family Empowerment Program**

(LYFE) Peer support and mentoring programs for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender youth. 565-7681.

**Legal Services for Children's H.O.P.E. Project**

Provides social and legal services to low-income HIV affected families. Info: 863-3762.

**Linea de Ambiente**

Information, referral and emotional support for gay, lesbian and bi Latinos regarding immigration, HIV, social services, a project of Gente Latina de Ambiente (GELAAM). 243-9534.

**Lyon-Martin Women's Health Center**

Primary health care for women by women. Counseling, anonymous testing, prevention education, support groups for HIV + women. 1748 Market St. 565-7667.

**Martin De Porres House of Hospitality**

Needs volunteers to work in soup kitchen, breakfast and lunch. 225 Potrero. 552-0240.

**Men Overcoming Sexual Assault**

Operates sexual assault hotline for men. Mon.-Fri., 7-10pm. (510) 845-7273.

**MCC Chronic/Life-Threatening Support Group**

Every Wed., 1-3pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St. Free, drop-in. Call 863-4434.

**MWM**

A rap group for gay/bi Asian Pacific Islander men and their partners. Tues. nights, 6:30pm. Asian AIDS Project, 785 Market, Suite 420. 227-1586.

**Mothers Organizing Mothers**

Working to change public attitudes and policies on AIDS. Meets 2nd Wed. of every month, 7pm. Call 922-4639 or 323-6651 for information.

**NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt**

Seeks volunteers for archiving, data entry, community outreach, sewing, more. Call Mike Moreno at 882-5500.

**National Association of People With AIDS Fax**

Fax-on-demand system which provides free and up-to-date information on HIV funding, grants, insurance, benefits, legal issues and more. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NAPWA FAX: 202-789-2222.

**National Association for Visually Handicapped**

Helps people with partial eyesight by supplying visual aids, a free service for SF residents who are HIV + and losing eyesight. Call for appt.: 221-3201.

**Native American AIDS Project**

Support, resources and advocacy for Native Americans/Alaskan Natives and their families affected by HIV. 1540 Market St., Suite 425. Info/Intake: 522-2460.

**Operation Recovery**

Provides substance abuse and mental health treatment for les, gay, bi, and trans community. Drop-in groups for women, 7pm Tues.; for men, 8pm Thurs. Info/Intake: 626-7000.

**OUTline**

Free HIV info and support using Windows or Macintosh graphic interface. Info: 554-0555 or info@out.org

**Pacific Center**

Gay and bisexual men's HIV/AIDS support group. Weds., 7pm. 1250 Pine St. #301, Walnut Creek. (510) 939-7711.

**Pacific Center for Human Growth**

Seeks front desk volunteers at lesbian/gay/bi/transgender community center. 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. (510) 548-8283.

**Paradigm**

Models for Enhancing Life Near Death, serves the terminally ill, free 10-week support group for SF. Call for info: 522-9192.

**People with disabilities**

Who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender: Support group at Independent Living Resource Center, SF. Meets weekly, free. Info: Katie 863-0581.

**Planetree Health Resource Center**

Up-to-date medical info to assist in making informed health choices. Extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail. 2040 Webster St. 3680.

**Positive Humanists and Friends Club**

Focus on self-acceptance, promoting belief in long-term survival. Info: 642-3840.

**Positive Living for Us**

Free weekend seminar for recently-tested HIV+. Info: Alfredo, 356-8129.

**Positive Resource**

Provides work referrals to people with HIV/AIDS. To list a job opening or attend an employment opportunity orientation mtg call 928-1448.

**Pride & Prejudice**

A welcoming group to queer youth meets every Tues., 6pm, at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St., Suite 201. Call Nicole at 565-7681.

**Project HOPE**

Offers HIV prevention peer counseling to gay, bisexual and transgender men of color. Call 356-8114.

**Project Inform**

HIV/AIDS treatment info hotline, 558-9051; journal, and educational Town Meetings. 800-822-7422.

**Project Open Hand**

Provides free home-delivered hot meals and free groceries to anyone with symptomatic HIV in San Francisco and Alameda Counties. Various ethnic and restricted diets available, plus free nutritional counseling. No waiting list. Call 1-800-551-MEAL.

**Projecto ContraSIDA Por Vida**

Provides peer counseling, legal assistance, workshops, therapy and housing referrals, free. 864-7278.

**Psychotherapy group for gay men**

Explores issues of intimacy, low fee 12-week process groups. Call for info/intake: Operation Concern, 626-7000, ext.126.

**Q Action**

Work with other queer boys to stop HIV transmission among young gay and bi men. Info: 431-2ACT.

**Quan Yin Healing Arts Center**

Acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, massage for those with HIV, hepatitis, PMS, menopause or high stress. Mon.-Sat. 1748 Market. 861-4964.

**Radical Women**

Business mtg. 2nd & 4th Thurs. of the month. 7pm. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St. 864-1278.

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Offers individual and group retreats for professional caregivers in the HIV community. Info: Kay, 864-5140 or write PO Box 410592, SF 94141.

**Richard M. Cohen Residence**

SF's first assisted-living residence for people disabled by AIDS, needs volunteers (call 558-0503) and household donations (call Wayne April, 282-6209).

**Richmond Area Multi-Services in SF**

Offers low fee counseling/psychotherapy services to sexual minorities, people with HIV/AIDS. Supportive therapeutic group for family/two of ones of PWAs. English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Russian, Japanese. Mango, 668-5955.

**Sadhana Brothers**

Meditation, evening of chanting, meditation, informal discussion. Call Ed, 647-4388.

**SAGA North Ski Club**

Gay and lesbian alpine ski club. For membership info, call 995-2772.

**San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Immigration**

And Asylum Rights Task Force meets first Thurs. of every month, 7pm, 870 Market St., Rm. 1213. Offers support groups for gay immigrants and their lovers, friends. Shannon, 932-6257.

**San Francisco Women Against Rape**

Crisis counselor training begins April 22. Call Jamie, 861-2024.

**San Mateo County AIDS Program**

Provides prevention, health care, services and advocacy. Volunteer Resource Co. Coordinator: 573-2488. Information: 573-2588.

**SCA**

Sexual Compulsive Anonymous meets every Fri. at 6pm, 52 Waller. 864-7230.

**Senior Center**

Welcomes gay and lesbian seniors, free and confidential services. 360 4th St. 777-3233.

**Shanti Project's Latino Program**

Specifically serves Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. Provides help with emotional peer counseling and practical support. For more information, call 864-CARE.

**Stanford Support Group for Gay Men**

Wed., 8pm at the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Community Center, Old Firehouse, Stanford Univ. Free. 725-4222.

**Tambayan**

Support network for gay, lesbian and transgender Filipinos in the Bay Area. Thurs., 7pm at Filipino Task Force on AIDS, 1540 Market St., Suite 325. 703-9880.

**Transcendental Meditation Center**

Has scholarships for low income people with HIV. Call Paul Brown at 931-1621.

**Transgendered Support Group**

Holds a potluck every third Saturday, 6:30pm at MCC San Jose, 65 S. Seventh St., San Jose. Call Rev. Chad Piler, 279-2711.

**UCSF AIDS Health Project**

Offers: (1) ongoing groups for persons diagnosed with KS; (2) Tues. night support group for women who are caregivers or family members of PWAs; (3) support group for HIV + African-American heterosexual men. Info: 476-3902.

**Women's Action Coalition**

An open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women. WAC meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm (women only), 1360 Mission St., Suite 200. WAC Hotline: 255-6352.

**Women's Cancer Resource Center**

Support, resource & advocacy group for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & doctors. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal workshop & more. (510) 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

**Send Community Health Listings to:**

Roberto Friedman, Assistant Editor, Bay Area Reporter, 395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203968**

The following person(s) are doing business as 1. WONDER BAR 2. THE WONDER BAR 3. WONDER BAR & RESTAURANT, 347 Presidio Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94115. John Hurley, 780 Rhode Island, San Francisco, CA 94107. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of April 19, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed John C. Hurley. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 19, 1996.

Apr 25, May 02, 09, 16, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203972**

The following person(s) are doing business as CHINA WOK, 667 Monterey Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94127: Vo C. Tai, 1609 32nd St., Oakland, CA 94602, and Mui V. Ho, 2010 Murtie St., Oakland, CA 94607. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of April 19, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Vo C. Tai. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 19, 1996.

Apr 25, May 02, 09, 16, 1996.

**NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER OF RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE UNDER SECTIONS 24073 AND 24074, CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**

Licensee's Name: YUK TANG HA and LICHING CHIANG HA; Premises Address: 667 Monterey Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94127. Intended Transferee's Name: VO C. TAI and MUI HO, 1609 E. 32nd St., Oakland, CA 94602.

Kind of License Intended to be transferred (name and number): BEER & WINE, #41-227287. Name and address of escrow holder or guarantor: BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO, ESCROW DEPT., 550 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94111.

Total consideration to be paid for the business and license (to include inventory whether actual cost, estimated cost, or a not-to-exceed amount): CHECKS, 78,000, PROMISSORY NOTES 60,000, TOTAL AMOUNT \$138,000. The parties agree that the consideration for a transfer of the business and the license(s) is to be paid only after the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has approved the proposed transfer. The parties also agree and herein direct the above name escrow holder to make payment or distribution within a reasonable time after the completion of the transfer of the license as provided in Section 24074 of the California Business and Professions Code. Signed: MUI HO and VO C. TAI. San Francisco County Recorder's Office, Gregory Joseph Diaz, County Recorder.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203758**

The following person(s) are doing business as RICHMOND NEW MAY WAH SUPERMARKET, 525 Clement St., San Francisco, CA 94118: Karen Wong, 825 La Playa #323, San Francisco, CA 94118. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of April 11, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Karen Wong. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on April 11, 1996.

Apr 18, 25, May 02, 09, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203310**

The following person(s) are doing business as KAMEI RESTAURANT SUPPLY, 507 Clement St., San Francisco, CA 94118: Quyen To Huynh, 825 La Playa #323, San Francisco, CA 94121. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of March 22, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Quyen To Huynh. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Mar 26, 1996.

Apr 04, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203372**

The following person(s) are doing business as FRISCO COMMUNICATIONS, 1547 48th Ave #3, San Francisco, CA 94122-2801. Robert Leone, 1547 48th Ave #3, San Francisco, CA 94122-2801. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of March 28, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Robert Leone. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Mar 28, 1996.

Apr 04, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203327**

The following person(s) are doing business as ART MIRAGE, 439 Jersey St., San Francisco, CA 94114: Melanie Olsstad, 439 Jersey St., San Francisco, CA 94114 and Debora Ann Bergh, 516 Missouri St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Signed Melanie Olsstad. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Mar 27, 1996.

Apr 04, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203285**

The following person(s) are doing business as JASPER MORGAN, 323 Potrero Ave., San Francisco, CA 94118: Josef M. Cibulka, 4328 20th St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of March 25, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed

Josef Cibulka This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Mar 25, 1996.

Apr 04, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT FILE NO. 161623**

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business known as JOSEPH TRAVEL SERVICES, at 333 Kearny St., Ste 700 & 702, San Francisco, CA 94108.

The fictitious name referred to above was filed in the County of San Francisco on April 14, 1992.

Name and address of registrant: CONSTANCIA LU SUE, 333 Kearny St., #700, San Francisco, CA 94108. This business was conducted by an individual.

Signed CONSTANCIA LU SUE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on the date April 02, 1996 Gregory J. Diaz, County Clerk-Recorder, by Joanne Huynh.

Apr 04, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203632**

The following person(s) are doing business as THE WIZARD SMOKE SHOP, 3036 24th St., San Francisco, CA 94110: Walid Ali Almasri, 515 Tamarack Dr. #18, Union City, CA 94587, and Laila T. Ayoub, 28484 Mission Blvd., Hayward, CA 94544. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of April 08, 1996. This business is conducted by co-partners. Signed Walid Almasri. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Apr 08, 1996.

Apr 11, 18, 25, May 02, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203588**

The following person(s) are doing business as BAHAY KUBO OF SAN FRANCISCO, 35220 20th St., San Francisco, CA 94110: HD Diversified Inc. (Wyoming), 380 Guerrero Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by a corporation. Signed President-Horace Diamonon. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Apr 04, 1996.

Apr 11, 18, 25, May 02, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203479**

The following person(s) are doing business as TINASURUS PRODUCTIONS, 2438 31st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116: Prescott Wah Hung Chow, 2438 31st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116 and Jesse Cortes, 2438 31st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of April 01, 1996. This business is conducted by co-partners. Signed Prescott W.H. Chow. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Apr 02, 1996.

Apr 11, 18, 25, May 02, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 203710**

The following person(s) are doing business as SHACKLE & NO-FOOT, 230 Eddy St. #1210, San Francisco, CA 94102: David Anthony Peterson, 230 Eddy #1210, San Francisco, CA 94102. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed David A. Peterson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on Apr 10, 1996.

Apr 18, 25, May 02, 09, 1996.

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### Bankruptcy from \$175 Living Trusts \$495

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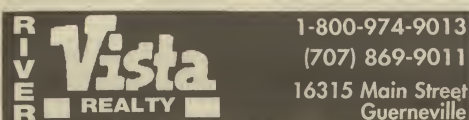
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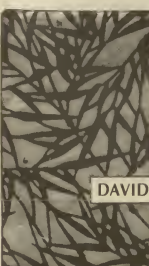


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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Blue period



### Swank new digs for the Elsa Klensch of Geary Street

by Chad Jones

Over a cappuccino in a Piazza San Marco cafe a decade ago, haberdasher Billy Bragman sat showing his friends the bounty from a day's shopping spree in Venice's finest men's clothing stores. Out came a Versace jacket, an Armani car coat and a Ferré sweater, all of which were blue (blue, Bragman points out, is a good color for him). Surveying the azure loot, Bragman's friend Wally said, "Oh, sweetie, you should open up a store and sell nothing but blue clothes so we can write all this off!"

Bragman decided to take his friend's advice. He opened a men's clothing store in downtown San Francisco, but, though he called it BillyBlue, he opted not to limit the color spectrum.

BillyBlue is now celebrating its 10th year of business, Bragman will celebrate his 50th year this November, and things couldn't be better. In fact, Bragman's highly successful 600-square-foot store on Geary Street managed an astonishing \$2,600 per square foot annually in sales. Gambling on that success, and knowing that his loyal international clientele would follow him anywhere, Bragman decided this year to take a step up in the world by moving his emporium across the street to a beautifully outfitted new store. Last week, Bragman celebrated the opening of his new and improved BillyBlue shop at 54 Geary with a week-long party.

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Billy Bragman: in love  
with looking good, the  
color blue and the fabulous  
city of San Francisco.

## Oceanarium

### Cunningham's deep Ocean

by Matthew Kennedy

Merce Cunningham must be doing something wrong. At last week's performance of the choreographer's *Ocean* at UC Berkeley's Harmon Gym, no more than a half-dozen people walked out early. Those are meager numbers for a master of abstraction who wouldn't be caught dead choreographing a referential step or commissioning a melodious score. Could the world finally be catching up with him?

Cunningham is now the undisputed doyen of modern dance. At 77, he has choreographed more than 200 dances since founding the Merce Cunningham Dance Company in 1953. As a choreographer, he's always been an explorer. He played with video and computers long before anyone else saw their application to dance. But his most important discovery was, ironically, startlingly sim-

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Merce Cunningham's *Ocean* had its U.S. premiere last Friday at UC Berkeley's Harmon Gym.

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## CHIT-CHAT

by Chris Culwell  
and Pithy Galore

A few weeks ago one of the B.A.R.'s testy scribes lamented in print about how queer critics working on mainstream papers tend to be cheerleaders for everything fags and dykes create, no matter how questionable the quality. Well, that form of civic boosterism may be the *metier* of some queer journalists, but as one of last week's *Examiner* articles on the new Main Library made quite clear, it's not wise to generalize.

Indeed, *Examiner* art critic David Bonetti did no cheerleading in his analysis of the Gay and Lesbian Center's mural in Monday's paper. We had a queasy feeling about the pretty picture ourselves, but couldn't quite figure out why until we read Mr.B., whose summing up of the mural as a "euphemism" seemed particularly apt.

"Curiously enough, there are no fags and dykes depicted," wrote The Critical One. "There is not a single drag queen, leather man or bull dagger to be seen. The only embrace depicted is between two men who have mastered the asexual bear hug perfected by Matt Fielding on Melrose Place."

"The healthy, wholesome participants," Bonetti wrote, "are all dressed by The Gap and are so bland and whitebread and sexless that you have to wonder why such exemplary and boring people have had such a hard time winning their civil rights."

Then he got really mad, which we liked a lot: "This is San Francisco, dammit. If you can't tell the truth about being queer here, where can you?" The question remains alarmingly significant.

#### Dangerous propositions?

One of the many literary names that pops up on Nayland Blake's art installation in the Main Library is Tennessee Williams, who, despite a life of queer sex, flagrant pessimism, booze and Seconal, has, improbably, achieved icon status in American culture. As evidence of the latter, the San Francisco Opera announced this week that the company has commissioned an opera from composer/conductor Andre Previn based on the playwright's *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The opera, to be featured in the 1998 season, will feature soprano Sylvia McNair as Blanche



Tennessee Williams

Dubois and baritone Rodney Gilfry as Stanley Kowalski. Now what about that little matter of the libretto? That unenviable task has fallen to Phillip Littell, who wrote the libretto for the singularly uninteresting *The Dangerous Liaisons* in 1994. Good luck.

#### Eddie Murphy alert:

Our phone rang this week with a little buzz about Ye Olde Homophobia Eddie Murphy. Seems the man who holds a Guinness record for the number of times he's used the word faggot in a movie and offended homos with tasteless jokes is thinking of shooting a film in the Castro. This we learned from a nervous Studio Underling who called "just to find out how we think people might respond to Eddie being in the Castro." Firm believers in karma, we opted not to trouble ourselves with heady prognostications of doom.

Non-plussed by our reserve, the Sweating Underling was quick to get off the phone, but not before we asked a few questions about the film. "They may shoot a scene at the Castro Theatre," the minion said, adding that "there may be a car chase," and that "Eddie fell in love with a house somewhere around 18th and Castro that he may use for the film." More on this later.

#### Bond again

The imminent success of glam theatre artist Justin Bond was predicted years ago in these pages by Out There creator Daniel Mangin, who, we have come to find, wasn't just indiscriminately blowing smoke up Miss B's billowing skirt. Yes, Lady Bond has hit the big time, as we discovered last

week when we stumbled across her name in the august pages of *The New York Times*, in a piece about two Big Apple shows that owe more than a little of their success to the art of trashy camp, *The Tragedy of the Singing Nun* and a curious confection called *Charles*. The latter, starring Bond, is an amalgamation of clever turns built around pop culture references to the name Charles — Charles Manson, *Charlie's Angels*, *Charley the Tuna*, etc. (We gather the name Charles is now an appellation of depressed distinction.)

The *Times* writer was suitably impressed with Bond's performance as *Plenty Powers*, the "formidable" owner of a cosmetics firm who has run into a heap of trouble when *Charlie's Angels* — played by the suitably named Candis Cayne, *Missstress Formika* and *Sherry Vine* — make her a target of their campaign to kill the fur-wearing rich. Mr. Critic was especially moved by one line that seemed particularly well-suited to the sultry "Mr. Bond": "But ya are, Blanche, ya are."

#### Star search

On another Bond-related matter, we're pleased to announce that The Numinous One will be in SF on Friday, May 17, at the Castro Theatre as part of the spectacular entertainment Marc Huestis and Lawrence Helman have lined up for their Sylvia Miles/Tom Amiano/Heat event.

Naturally, not all the details have been worked out. Bond's appearance is hinged on whether or not Marc and Lawrence can find just the right white French Poodle to accompany Bond when she walks on stage as Miles' cameo character from *Midnight Cowboy*.



Justin Bond

(Those of you old enough to remember the 1968 film will no doubt recall the classic scene where hunky rent-boy Jon Voight locks eyes with poodle-toting Miles on a Manhattan street corner and the actress groans in her inimitable way, "Do it for Mama.")

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of milk bones (not to mention dog collars and other assorted unmentionables) to go around. For more information, call Outsider at 863-0611.

#### Clever encores

Portia Capplethwaite got ripped on a pitcher of martinis last week with some friends at a Hayes St. cafe and woke up several hours later at Davies Symphony Hall, where she found herself, head lolling, in the middle of a recital by Swedish mezzo-soprano Anne Sofie von Otter. Portia says she's never been so bored in all her life. "It was like watching paint dry," she moaned over the phone.

Missy Capplethwaite was  
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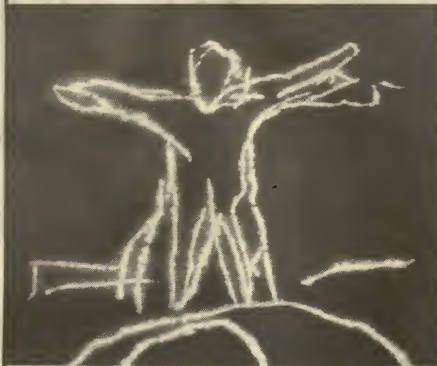


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# Route to recovery

## Eric Rofes on reviving the tribe

by Wayne Hoffman

Fifteen years into the AIDS epidemic, much has been written about gay men's survival. But Eric Rofes is concerned about more than just survival. He's talking about revival.

In *Reviving the Tribe: Regenerating Gay Men's Sexuality and Culture in the Ongoing Epidemic* (Harrington Park Press, \$14.95), Rofes explores how AIDS has both traumatized gay men as individuals and torn asunder the pre-epidemic gay community as a group. With a psychological and sociological approach buttressed by a sense of history, a sense of humor and a sense of personal investment, Rofes delves into the "death-saturated" gay culture of the past decade and searches for routes to recovery, both personal and communal.

Rofes speaks from a variety of positions: as a longtime gay activist, a veteran AIDS educator, and, most importantly, as a gay man whose own sexual and cultural life has been hit hard by the "cyclone" of the epidemic. Rofes, 41, is also a member of the "tribe" he examines: a specific cohort of now middle-aged gay men who came out before the AIDS epidemic.

"I'm talking about men who participated both in the political work of building community and

of the cultural, social and sexual work of creating spaces for gay men," he says. "That's an increasingly small tribe because so many of those men are dead, but I have framed the book around those of us who have survived."

The epidemic has had a devastating effect on Rofes' tribe, evident not only in terms of death, but also in the emotional numbness, sexual paranoia and social isolation AIDS has visited on the survivors. Over the last decade, as Rofes recounts in his book, sur-

the younger generation of gay men, who have no personal recollection of pre-AIDS community. Rofes says the disconnection and non-communication between the generations cuts both ways; while he expected to hear from middle-aged men who feel estranged from the '90s youth-driven queer culture, he says that since publishing *Reviving the Tribe*, he has heard from a lot of young men who feel cut off from older gay men and who want to build bridges across the generational gap.

**We now know that sex is more complicated than reading a check list in a prevention brochure.**

vivors have responded to AIDS with fear and denial, with anger and protest, and more recently with a sense of inevitable doom. Rofes proposes moving beyond that by learning to accept the place of the epidemic in contemporary gay life, acknowledging the losses that are too often shoved under the rug, and refashioning a supportive gay culture.

### Crossing lines

Part of rebuilding community for middle-aged men includes crossing generational lines to share space, knowledge and energy with

It is not coincidental, Rofes argues, that younger men trying to build community structures and older men trying to rebuild their own such structures are both focused largely on sex. There are other elements to community-building, to be sure, but Rofes maintains that the nascent sexual renewal of the '90s — evidenced by the recent proliferation of sex clubs and backrooms in cities that witnessed their closures a decade ago — is indicative of the centrality of sex in gay male culture.

"It's become popular to displace sex from a central space in



Author and activist Eric Rofes

gay and lesbian cultures," he says. "But from what I see in young men's cultures, and middle-aged men's attempts to revive culture, sex continues to be center stage."

Reviving sexual culture in the epidemic is no simple task, but Rofes' years as an AIDS educator and activist — which include stints as director of San Francisco's Shanti Project and a member of the LA County AIDS Commission — have taught him that sex is too complex a subject to be treated lightly. He leads workshops and discussions around the country where men can talk about their sex lives in explicit and personal ways; too often, he says, gay men fail to talk about sex in anything but superficial ways.

One of the main reasons HIV prevention efforts to date have only been partially successful, he asserts, is that prevention activists have failed to consider the meaning that certain sexual acts might hold for certain individuals. Substituting masturbation at home for anal sex in a bathhouse, for example, is not a simple task for a man who derives his sense of emotional connection, personal

power or political resistance from the act. Especially now that AIDS has become an ongoing part of gay sexual life, rather than the short-term emergency it was once hoped to be, gay men are recognizing in growing numbers that sex is more complicated than reading a check list in a prevention brochure.

"When you're trying to deal with mass change in the area of sexual activity," says Rofes, "the problem is you adopt approaches that pretend these acts are meaningless, that they're easily exchangeable, that they're not loaded and inscribed deeply with meanings that resonate often across cultures, and then you wonder why your work isn't successful."

### Endemic inability

Rofes is careful not to place blame on early prevention activists; he was one himself, and insists that given limited resources and an understanding of AIDS as a temporary event, the simple safe-versus-unsafe, do-this-not-that style of prevention made sense at the time. He also points

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# Sense and sensibility

Andrew Alty's *Something About Us* tunnels through love and desire

by Chad Jones

It only takes one play like the loathsome *Two Boys In Bed On a Cold Winter's Night* to lend the pusillanimous taint of pandering to a small theater like the New Conservatory. One empty-headed, unclothed frolic like this is all it takes to gain a reputation as the "Nude Conservatory." Boys running around with weenies freely flapping sells tickets, and obviously that's the theater's goal if they want to make a hit of the Pride Season they began hawking several months ago. Granted, the fleshy *Boys* was followed by the more interesting (and fully clothed) *Heartbreak*, but the nudity is back.

This time, however, flesh is accompanied by heat, passion, affection and raw physicality. Hooray for the Nude Conservatory.

The play in question is the American premiere of British playwright Andrew Alty's *Something About Us*, the third and by far most successful entry in the Pride Season to date. Honest, sexy, heartfelt and frank, the play deals with the major issues of contemporary gay life — death, hope, sex and connection — in a style that never fails to be anything less than

lively and absorbing.

The less interesting of the two acts is the first, subtitled *The Departure Lounge*. Michael, a straight-laced man in his 30s, and Peter, his flamboyant, vivacious HIV-positive best friend, are in the airport waiting to leave on vacation. It soon becomes clear that this airport has more in common with *The Twilight Zone* than with Heathrow. Alty's "airport as purgatory" metaphor quickly wears out its welcome as it begins surrounding everything in blinking quotation marks. It seems Michael has to "help" Peter overcome his "fear of flying" and "get on the plane" that will take him on a long "holiday."

What saves this rather flimsy device is the actors and their easy way with Alty's chipper dialogue. Greg Hoffman is a stalwart Michael, compassionate but hopelessly repressed, while Carleton Gillenwater's Peter is unabashedly proud of his life of sex, drugs and friendship. Under the direction of Ed Decker, the two actors succeed admirably in forging a meaningful bond. In spite of the uninspired set-up, Michael and Peter create a moving final embrace.

The second act, called *Madagascar*, is definitely the meatier of

the two acts. Michael, from the first act, is just coming out of his shell of grief after having lost Peter. He has crawled through a bar for the first time in months and brought Dean, an Australian beef kabob, home with him. Things do not go well, and just before the men are about to part, they find they are connected through Peter. What follows is a succinct lesson in overcoming fear. Clothes are shed, drugs ingested, boundaries broken. Ironically, even when Alty's script cannot successfully avoid clichés, the story never fails to be entertaining and erotic. Essentially, it's a gay Jane Austen set-up: Dean embodies "sense," Peter "sensibility."

Brian Taylor as Dean the boy toy is a charmer, a sexy sprite who is smarter than he lets on and just the kind of cuddly guy you want around when you feel the need to break a boundary or two. Hoffman's Michael evolves believably from his first act rigidity into a more astute, more keenly aware being.

Director Decker has triumphed with a play that combines the exploration of the heart with the desire of the flesh. *Something About Us* is something to be proud of. ▼



Carleton Gillenwater and Brian Taylor in *Something About Us*.

*Something About Us* continues at the New Conservatory Theatre through May 18. Call 861-8972 for information.

## Roast De Palma

by Jerry Metzker

Seeing a Sick and Twisted Players' production is always a crap shoot. The shows tend to range from the ridiculous to the preposterous; they're either amazingly good or really awful. The company's 28th feature targets Brian De Palma's 1980 thriller, *Dressed to Kill*, and it's pretty good.

The film, you may recall, stars Angie Dickinson as a sex-starved socialite who picks up a stranger in an art museum and meets a tragic end in an elevator. In typical Sick and Twisted fashion, there is plenty of blood to make this moment as crazy as it can be.

Director and writer Tony Vaguely has already had tremendous success with his version of De Palma's *Carrie*, and the film director's technique plays perfectly into his warped sense of theatrical style. The use of slow motion, surrealistic lighting and an imposing soundtrack are his mainstays.

L'il Seanetta, who has performed in a number of Sick and Twisted shows, finally gets a chance to shine in the Angie Dickinson role. Complete with luscious pink lipstick and an untamed blonde mane — Dickinson's hair always looked like she put it on sideways — this drag queen plays the part with the same unbridled lustiness that made Dickinson so great in the part.

Once Kate is out of the picture, it becomes the task of her computer geek son (Brian McDonald), a high-priced call-girl (Johnny Kat), and a vulgar police detective (Patrick O'Connor) to catch the mysterious killer, and there has never been such a bizarre killer as the one in this play.

That's the much-hyped secret. If you want to know what the Sick and Twisted response is to DePalma's negative portrayal of a transgendered person, you'll have to make your way to the Diesel Cathedral to find out. ▼



L'il Seanetta and her mystery slasher.

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# House party

Ingenious set design gives new meaning to class-conscious potboiler

by Chad Jones

J.B. Priestley's rather pompous 1945 drawing room drama *An Inspector Calls* has been so grandly reconceived by the Royal National Theatre that it gives the impression of being great. Directed by Stephen Daldry and designed by Ian MacNeil, this *Inspector*, which began life in London, had a successful run in New York, and is now making a tour stop at the Golden Gate Theatre, is a visual feast and a rich source of stagecraft delights.

Using the stage as his pulpit, Priestley set out to condemn the injustice of the British class system. In the play, he takes an upper-class family headed by Sybil and Arthur Birling and interrupts the celebration of their daughter Sheila's engagement to the socially desirable Gerald Croft. The interruption comes in the form of Inspector Goole (that's right, pronounced "ghoul," which gives you a pretty good indication of the level of subtlety Priestley employs). The inspector has just come from the morgue, where he has examined the body of a young pregnant woman who killed herself by ingesting a strong disinfectant. His hunch is that the Birling family was responsible for the girl's death.

There aren't too many surprises in Priestley's morality tale, but Daldry, MacNeil and lighting de-

signer Rick Fisher make this an engaging production by taking Priestley's play out of the drawing room and setting it in the middle of a surreal visual landscape that lends a universal, almost apocalyptic tone to the proceedings.

The most celebrated component of this redesign is the Birling home itself, a three-story, doll house-like edifice that rests precariously on stilts in the center of a barren, bombed-out landscape. The actors in the house dwarf the building, and very soon it becomes clear that as good as the actors might be, the star of the show is the house. As soon as the inspector calls, the walls of the house are pulled away, exposing the interior and activities within to closer scrutiny. Before this brisk, 100-minute play is over, the house has done some amazing things, all of which underscore (again, subtlety is not the modus operandi here) Priestley's deconstruction of the upper class and its crimes against humanity.

Daldry, MacNeil and their designers have made *An Inspector Calls* tolerable for a modern audience. Confined to the drawing room, what Priestley called the play's "fire, blood and anguish" would be heavy-handed and silly. But set in the desolate, dreary netherworld of this production, the play takes on a life and a meaning it wouldn't have otherwise. Priestley's concern for "community and all that," as Mr.



The set of the National Tour of J.B. Priestley's mystery thriller, *An Inspector Calls*.

Birling describes it, is as heartfelt today as it was 50 years ago. As the Inspector reveals layer after layer of injustice and cruelty, the sensitive Sheila Birling cries, "Why had this to happen?" and her question resonates.

Daldry has directed his actors in a grand, almost operatic style with mostly successful results. Sam Tsoutsouvas as the mysteri-

ous inspector is definitely odd but carries the power of knowledge and justice, with convincing, righteous authority. Harry Carnahan as the "squiffy" (read: usually drunk) Birling son postures with convincing British pomposity and crumbles most satisfactorily when his misdeeds are brought to light. The most regal performance of the evening is from the captivating Susan Kellermann as Sybil Birling, the matriarch, whose love of her own booming voice and skewed values lead to her family's undignified — yet somehow delicious — destruction.

Having brought new and vibrant life to an old play, the Royal National Theatre has given the world a modern classic in which form is inseparable from content. The text may creak here and there, but the surprises offered by the set keep things going. Think of this *Inspector Calls* as the new Masterpiece Theatre ride at Disneyland. ▼

*An Inspector Calls* continues at the Golden Gate Theatre through May 5. Call 776-1999 for information.

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## STEVE MAVERICK



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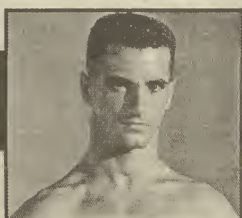
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## MUSIC

### Imperial Teen plays tonight at Slim's



Vicky Berndt

still play keyboards in Faith No More, but I'd rather we didn't dwell on that," Imperial Teen singer-guitarist Roddy Bottum says in the band's press bio. "Referring to this band as a side project is missing the point."

And he's right. Considering how buried the keyboards were on the last Faith No More record, Imperial Teen sounds much more like Roddy's baby. With bassist Jone Stebbins, guitarist Will Schwartz and former Sister Double Happiness drummer Lynn Perko, these local rockers write beautifully bubbly, alternative pop songs with often oblique lyrics. Take the song "Butch" for example, from their upcoming debut album, *Seasick*: "He was a troubled teen, he read a magazine, the prince wants to be a queen honestly." Of course, knowing that Roddy is gay makes deciphering them that much more fun. "People have called the music we make happy," says Roddy. "But I don't see it that way. I smile most when I'm confused or in pain."

—Adrian Roberts

Imperial Teen plays with The Amps tonight, April 25, at 9 pm, Slim's, 333 11th Street. Tickets \$12. Call 522-0333 for info.



## COVER STORY



"The earthtones are moving out," says Bragman. "There's a return to the kind of elegance you find in an old Fred Astaire movie."

## Billy Blue

◀ Arts cover

An openly gay businessman, the Brooklyn-born Bragman's journey to financial success had unlikely beginnings. It began with a wife, a Volkswagen van and not much of a plan. In 1968, when he graduated from George Washington University with a degree in history (special emphasis on art history), he went from wearing Bass Weejuns and button-down collar shirts to sporting the latest in anti-war demonstrator grunge. To avoid the draft, Bragman took the advice of a therapist who told him to get married.

"I bought into it because I didn't know any better," Bragman says. "In Brooklyn you would hardly go to the library to see if there were any books on being gay, so I married the woman I dated in college."

The newlyweds set off in their VW to discover America. Their journey ended in 1971, and so did the marriage. Later, Bragman got his first glimpse of San Francisco, and it was love at first sight. "I've come to believe that there are people in tune with the magic of this city and those who aren't," Bragman says. From his first days in the city, Bragman was in tune with the magic.

"It was a wonderful time [in the '70s] to be gay," Bragman recalls. "Harvey Milk was running around screaming about coming out, and I was like a kid in a candy store. I wrote to that therapist in D.C. who encouraged me to get married and told him that was the worst advice ever given and asked for my money back."

When Bragman's antique business folded, the entrepreneur began a video rental business just as VCRs were coming into popularity. The business boomed, but Bragman thought the whole thing was boring. "Your best customers in the video business are the biggest idiots," Bragman says. "They spend night after night watching movie after movie and have nothing to say."

After he came up with the idea of opening BillyBlue in 1985, Bragman, who says he knew nothing about the retail business on the other side of the cash register, headed for New York to start buying clothes for his business. "I had to put my collection together quickly if I wanted to open the following fall," Bragman recalls.

"And you have to open in the fall because San Francisco is a fall town."

While in New York, Bragman made some wise choices in vendors: he picked the bulk of his collection from Vestimenta (which also provides suits for Armani's black label) and then accessorized the collection with some recommended companies.

Twenty-one fashion seasons later, Bragman proudly states that he uses all the same vendors. The only difference is that during that first buying trip, he spent a hard-earned \$20,000; today he spends over \$400,000 putting his collection together.

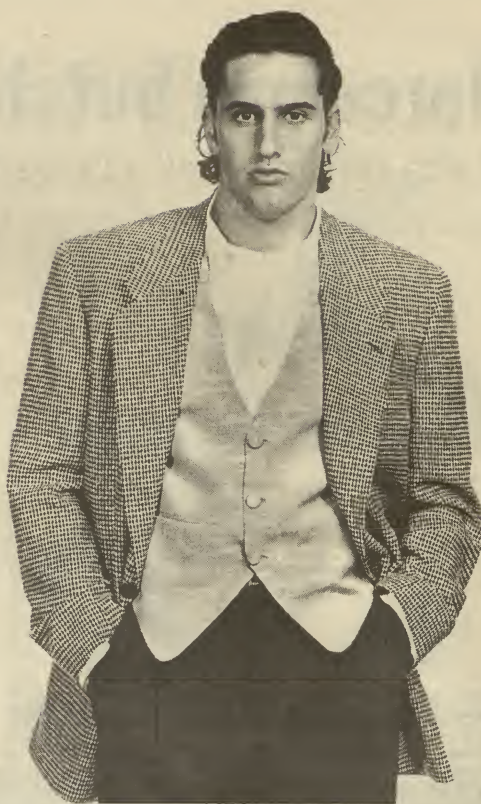
### Style and utility

Now that he is a major player in the world of San Francisco fashion, Bragman is confident he knows what the well-dressed man wants. "A guy spends \$1,500 on a suit, so he wants to be able to wear it 12 months out of the year," Bragman explains. "A cashmere, wool or chalk stripe is much harder to sell than a crepe, which can be worn year-round. Also, the suit has to travel well. A guy wants to get off a plane and look good. Finally, you have to be able to dress the suit up or down. You choose a blue crepe suit with a jacket that's cut so it can be worn as a blazer. You get on the plane wearing jeans and the blazer. At night you can wear the blazer with slacks, then in the morning you can go to a business meeting in a suit. It's easy for me to sell a suit if the buyer is getting style and utility."

Changes in men's fashion happen at a snail's pace, and even when things change, they don't change drastically. Bragman's specialty is what he calls the "understated modern classic." The current trend is a narrower shoulder and a longer jacket with more shape at the waist. Bragman sees a return to black, white, gray and navy this fall. "The earthtones are moving out," he says. "There's a return to the kind of elegance you find in an old Fred Astaire movie. Fashion is a constant reinterpretation, so it's not at all strange now to see something fresh and look back to find the inspiration."

Bragman's wily New York charm endears him to customers while his redoubtable taste bolsters faith in his collection. Of course it always helps customers to know that the suit, sweater, shirt or vest they're buying is the same one purchased by Bragman's celebrity customers. Who wouldn't feel good in a suit that also hangs in the closet of Brad Pitt or John Kennedy, Jr.? The

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# Barcelona butch

## Marta Balletbo-Coll's Costa Brava

by Robin Ward

Shot in 14 days on a \$30,000 budget, Marta Balletbo-Coll's *Costa Brava* won the Audience Award for Best Picture last year at both the LA and San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film

Festivals. Ironically, almost everyone in the crew, including the energetic director, was a neophyte.

Balletbo-Coll is a graduate of Columbia University film school and a native of Barcelona. She always plays a role in her own films (*Intrepidissima*, *Harlequin Exterminator*), much like Woody Allen.

And in the vein of many Woody Allen pictures, *Costa Brava* is an offbeat domestic comedy that scrutinizes relationships and personal ambition.

Set in Barcelona, the film portrays the romance between Anna (Balletbo-Coll) and Montserrat (Desi Del Valle, local actress and director), a Jewish, not-quite-out-of-the-closet seismic engineer. Anna, a tour guide and aspiring monologist, functions as Balletbo-Coll's autobiographical alter-ego. Anna's struggle to get funding and airplay for her monologue parallels Balletbo-Coll's for *Costa Brava*. The joke Anna makes comparing monologue with masturbation becomes a double entendre, characteristic of the film's comic endeavor.

*Costa Brava*'s droll self-consciousness materializes instantly in the opening scene, with Balletbo-Coll playing Anna playing the housewife character in the monologue. The housewife, framed by laundry and church steeples on a Barcelona rooftop, looks straight at the viewer and begins a curious farcical discourse about her new lesbian neighbor.

The film careens along at a breakneck pace that feels like you live it in 14 minutes. Anna and Montserrat meet, fall in love and have their troubles. The camera movements are dizzying, and the clips are placed together non-chronologically, creating a circular effect that demands attention. Aided by the upbeat soundtrack (which Balletbo-Coll calls both tacky and classy), the film struggles for lightheartedness but is often overwhelmed by its own rough edges.

One of the more troubling aspects of the film is that the chemistry between the two women is a little doubtful; they hardly touch each other. The view provided portrays the lesbian domicile, but the sexual aspects are passed over in a way that leaves a gap. Their first sexual encounter is represented by a parked car. The camera pans from tree bark to the car, to shadows by the car wheel, and back to the car. The emphasis is on the friendship and emotional connection and on a symbolic comic connection.

But in focusing on the lives and dreams of these two women, *Costa Brava* moves beyond the

Marta Balletbo-Coll and actress Desi Del Valle in *Costa Brava*.

basic coming out stories that dominate the big screen, and challenges the tendency to define queers solely by their sexuality. Anna and Montserrat are as concerned with their careers as they are with each other.

*Costa Brava* is rough around the edges, but certainly not like most feature films shot in 14 days. The film can be absorbed on many levels but mostly appreciated as a unique and sincere effort

on the part of people who, with more funding in the future, will be able to make magic.

If you can fidget through the film's ungainly moments, it's possible to emerge feeling you have been set upon by a strange, fresh breeze. ▼

Marta Balletbo-Coll's *Costa Brava* plays April 26-29 at the Castro Theatre.



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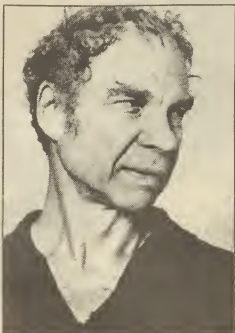


## DANCE

## Oceanarium

◀ Arts cover

ply, the realization that movement and music coexist in time and place, and that they need not necessarily reference each other. In other words, there are no narratives in his dances, no stories to glom onto, and no traditional hierarchy of stage space. The most interesting business, some fleeting duet or trio, could take place far away from center stage. Likewise, one movement phrase need not necessarily follow another from performance to performance. Chance operation, the toss of the dice or I Ching, will determine the sequence. Dancers must be impeccably trained and constantly alert in order to work under these conditions. Technique, Cunningham well knows, sets his dancers free.



Merce Cunningham

Substantial hype attended this American premiere of *Ocean*, which was inspired by Joseph Campbell's idea that James Joyce might have written a work about water and the ocean after *Finnegan's Wake*. At its world premiere in Brussels in 1994, it received enormous acclaim, no doubt some of it inspired by the fact that *Ocean* is the last collaboration of Cunningham and avant-garde composer John Cage, who was Cunningham's partner for nearly 50 years.

The score accompanying *Ocean* is not Cage's, however, but a composition for 112 instruments composed by Andrew Culver, played simultaneously with an electronic score composed by David Tudor (performed by Paul De Marinis and Takehisa Kosugi). Cunningham explained the arrangement: "*Ocean* is a large project that John Cage and I had discussed before his death. Originally to be presented during the James Joyce/John Cage Festival in Zurich in 1991, it was cancelled as no suitable venue could be found. Cage's idea was that the dance be presented in the center of a circular space with the audience surrounding the dancers and the musicians further surrounding the audience on all sides, so that the sound would come from multiple directions."

With these restraints, *Ocean* is prohibitively expensive for most presenters. UC Berkeley's Cal Performances took the challenge and transformed the University's Harmon Gym into a house of magic. The musicians — strings, percussion, woodwinds and horns — circled the upper row of the space while spectators ringed the stadium in bleachers. The electronic music issued from one side of the gym and bright blue monitors dispassionately ticked away the minutes and seconds of the dance.

This is not an unusual setting for Cunningham, who frequently stages his repertory pieces into

evening-length "events" in the round. *Ocean* amplifies this exercise. There are no right or wrong interpretations to the dance, and, for this piece anyway, no right or wrong seats. The dancers are in a constant state of swirling and changing perspectives, and because the audience is in the round, no two viewers will see the same dance, but all will see each other. In the center circle come the dancers, first in tentative solos, then in larger groups wearing pale blue unitards that darken toward the lower extremities. Marsha Skinner's lighting begins as a glowing orange, suggesting sun on the "water" of these blue bodies. Unexpected snaps of a drum come from behind.

Then more dancers enter, and proceed to eat up the space with deep pliés, perfectly sharp leg extensions and multiple turns. Later, the barking of sea mammals fills the auditorium. At minute 29, a woman appears in a dark unitard and invades a male dance while the first shocking orange costume enters like an improbably bright fish. Soft blue light rises and falls over the audience like waves.

The place is rocking by minute 40. Dancers leap like so many dolphins. As they come and go, new

costumes of spumoni-like colors replace the more placid blue ones. At some moments, the live orchestra and electronic embellishments are so fierce the auditorium vibrates, yet amidst the mad action there are also moments of exquisite stillness.

At minute 51, the first of many flowing wraps appears over a unitard. The music sounds like a dancer running on stage, but no one is waiting to make an entrance. Everyone is working hard; perspiration begins to drip from the dancers' brows. Purple, yellow and pink have been added to the increasingly rich lighting scheme. Then something transcendent happens. A woman looks heavenward while two men and a woman swirl around her in quick motions that simultaneously evoke Native American ceremonial dance and the group psychology of a school of fish. Unutterably beautiful, the sequence is repeated twice to equal effect.

At minute 75, most of the dancers change into royal purple costumes with splotches of navy blue. The full company is in the circle now, where they execute various parts of a phrase that includes a crab-like skittering jig.

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The Merce Cunningham Dance Company's *Ocean*.

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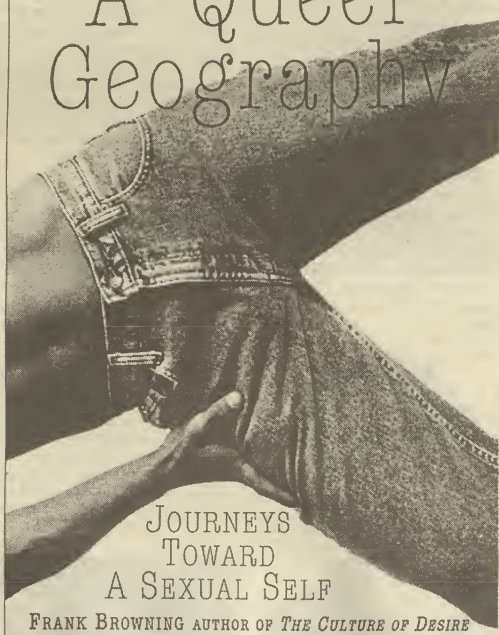
by Daniel Harris

*A Queer Geography: Journeys Toward a Sexual Self* by Frank Browning; Crown, \$24

Like Frank Browning's previous bestseller, *The Culture of Desire*, whose success numerous cynics attributed to its seductive jacket sleeve (a photograph of two enticing, bare-chested beauties as voluptuous as Marky Mark), his latest foray into the fashionable field of "queer studies" attempts to capture the full and contradictory diversity of gay life. While less appealingly packaged, *A Queer Geography* covers everything from Neapolitan transvestite prostitutes to a New Guinea tribe that forces young boys to fellate their elders, who—somewhat conveniently—consider a daily dose of semen as vital to the nutritional well-being of the growing child as Dr. Spock and the American mom consider spinach and vitamins.

This anthropological sightseeing expedition through both Western and non-Western homosexual "communities" demonstrates incontrovertibly that gay sex acts mean radically different things for the various cultures that practice them. The Sambia's unconventionally priapic approach to child-rearing or the Neapolitan's worship of the svelte legs of the *femminielli* share little in common with the American's more restrictive and all-encompassing lifestyle. Being gay in the protective enclaves of major U.S. cities often involves not only a distinct physical appearance, whether it be the leather chaps and army fatigues of Castro Street clones or the pierced septums and Polynesian tribal tattoos of the new "queers," but an entire world view. Browning throws this world view into question by placing it in a broad international context, thus introducing an unnerving degree of relativism into the assimilated homosexual's compla-

# A Queer Geography



FRANK BROWNING AUTHOR OF *THE CULTURE OF DESIRE*

cent attitude towards the universality of the Western gay experience. He undercuts the intellectual stability of the urban subculture's conception of what it means to be gay, of a uniform and unchanging homosexual identity, criticizing this narrow definition for the way it ghettoizes and limits our experience as human beings, reducing us to the acts we perform in the privacy of our bedrooms.

What makes this plea for sexual pluralism, for the recognition of an entire range of homosexual behaviors, so unconvincing is that Browning uses it as an excuse for the structural confusion of his book, which weaves together moody, atmospheric anecdotes about sex clubs in D.C. with opaque ruminations about "zone[s] of eroticism" and "the tropes of post-Stonewall gay visibility." As in *The Culture of Desire*, his belief that homosexuality means different things to different people allows him to roam from subject to subject and place to place, from an apple farm in Kentucky to a Queer Nation zap on Disneyland, where gay activists flirt shamelessly with Pinocchio and Pluto, leaving in their wake gawking tourists and stunned Minnie Mouses. For all of his philosophical posturing, Browning is not an original thinker, but he has managed to do one extremely clever thing: to make a theme out of his own rhetorical weaknesses, his incoherence, his inability to organize his material and analyze it in a lucid and insightful fashion.

Given Browning's distrust of the conventional gay lifestyle, it seems ironic that he embraces it so wholeheartedly, succumbing hook, line and sinker to its intellectual affectations and clubbish spirit of solidarity, which manifests itself in his frequent patriotic evocations of what he calls his "queer comrades." The book consists of glib, postmodern comments that come straight out of the theoretical phrase-mongering that has infected the entire "queer studies" industry, the linguistic mannerisms that Browning obediently mimics in such statements as we "open [our personal secrets] as outward-bound journeys into the zone of our becoming" or "it is into that maelstrom of rising and collapsing social space that the call for queer space has emerged and continues to evolve." Far from rebelling against a rigidly defined homosexual identity, he thrives on the academic urban gay lifestyle he professes to distrust. Moreover, his readership consists exclusively of men and women deeply rooted in this intellectual subculture. Listening to him inveigh against the perils of being consumed by one's sexual orientation is a little like listening to a wealthy Marxist lecture over limousine liberals on the overthrow of capitalism, lining his pockets by attacking the elitist world with which he is both inextricably linked and necessarily complicit. ▼

Daniel Harris' work appears in *Harpers* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

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## Oceanarium

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One by one they exit, the monitors tick forward, and at precisely minute 90, the lights go out and one last dancer prances off into darkness. The crowd roars its approval.

Cunningham came out to receive the ovation, but deferred to the dancers and musicians. Hobbled by arthritis, he appears un-

able to look backwards. After Berkeley, the company proceeds to Seattle, Germany, the American Dance Festival in June, and then on to Italy and France in July before coming home to New York, where *Ocean* will be performed at Lincoln Center. Whether it's on the road or at his West Village studio, Cunningham keeps inventing. Only he knows what glorious abstractions are yet to be made, but some of us can hardly wait to see them. ▼



## INTERVIEW

## Eric Rofes

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out that the inability to understand and express the meaning of sex is not specific to gay men, but endemic in a culture that confuses information with dialogue, education with prevention.

"I think we've done what we can do about education for the bulk of gay men in urban centers. Studies consistently show that urban gay men of most classes and races and ethnic groups understand certain sexual acts' relation to HIV transmission. I don't think education is the problem," Rofes says. "The problem was that we thought education equals prevention. It doesn't work that way. All kinds of activities are constituted in a very complex matrix of causes, and it's not intellectual. Those of us that do function primarily from the head expect the rest of the world to do likewise. Americans are great believers in rationalism, and the idea that things are more complex than that is something we resist."

Rofes challenges this resistance by combining reason and feeling in *Reviving the Tribe*. Satisfied neither to cling to nostalgic ideas of a pre-AIDS past, nor to carp about the failures of the present, Rofes draws on the lessons of both past and present to find a route to a healthier future. His deep knowledge of both gay culture and the AIDS crisis, combined with his willingness to examine contentious issues from the failures of prevention to the meaning of specific sexual acts, makes *Reviving the Tribe* a daring and thoughtful road map to help gay men find meaning in their lives even in the midst of ongoing devastation. ▼

## REVIEW

## Get a grip, boys

by Bill Wuepper

*Reviving the Tribe: Regenerating Gay Men's Sexuality and Culture in the Ongoing Epidemic* by Eric Rofes; Harrington Park Press, \$14.95

Former Shanti director Eric Rofes' new book destroys any remaining stubborn optimism concerning the AIDS epidemic. It is an ominous work that rips into the hope held by gay males that AIDS will soon disappear. Rofes accuses us of living in self-deceit, believing fairy-tale truths and foundering in denial. In other words, Eric Rofes has stood up and told us to get a grip.

Finally somebody has written about the horrendous parallel between large-scale death and the descent of a culture into chaos. Relentlessly, this book gives the nitty-gritty about what it's like to be alive during a plague and lays bare the fact that candlelight vigils and acts of heroism mean absolutely nothing to a disease. Under Rofes' tonnage of footnotes lies a message that we have long needed to hear: The assimilation of AIDS into the culture of gay men is the assimilation of a holocaust whose survivors will be left with bits and pieces and nothing else; there is no light at the end of the tunnel, no happy ending, no last-minute miracles, no heroes, no merciful god.

In the face of this message, I have some difficulty imagining the author's "revival of the tribe" (and would also like to remind Rofes that AIDS is not specifically a gay disease). Furthermore, if a culture is so fragile that it can be destroyed by a disease, I think we need some greater evolution to help us out.

But those quibbles aside, what the author does exceedingly well in this work is ensure that the history of AIDS will not fade into obscurity, as those who believe our genocide is unimportant would have it. His writing is a steady stream of emotions and facts with no breathing room between paragraphs. He even manages to talk about the "stuff" at Shanti. His habit of quoting from the lyrics of popular gay music adds an oddly sinister touch of familiarity to each chapter.

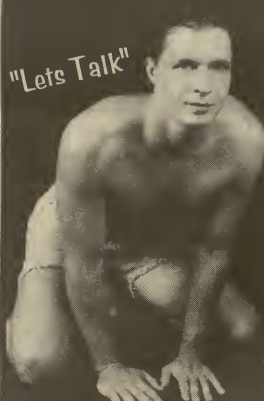
I give Rofes credit for taking on the AIDS epidemic in such a single-handed fashion. Rofes has accomplished something no one else has: he has put sex politics in its proper place. He asks the life-and-death questions without tiptoeing around the issues, and his opinions are stated with clarity and courage. I wish he had written *Reviving the Tribe* sooner. ▼

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## Billy Blue

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same could be said for a snazzy kimono vest, like the ones Whoopi Goldberg and Candice Bergen purchased. Reciting his list of celebrity customers, which includes Joe Montana, Ed Bradley and Ahmad Rashad, Bragman laughs. "No matter what you do or how hard you work, people just want to know about the stars who come into the store."

Aside from his two weekly rituals — a manicure on Friday

morning and the Elsa Klensch fashion report on CNN each Saturday morning — Bragman has little time to pamper himself. In the old days, he used to shop for fun, but now shopping is his business. Occasionally he can be found relaxing poolside at his country home in Napa (dubbed "Lake Blue" by his friends because of the swimming pool), or, if the weather is right, he'll take in a day at the beach. "I can never relax, though," he confesses, "because in my mind I'm always counting shirts." ▼

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## LEATHER SCENE

# Gary Virginia is Mr. SF Leather

by Mister Marcus

Leather pride shone strong and proud last Saturday night, April 20, as a huge crowd convened at the Alcazar Theatre to witness the 18th naming of Mr. San Francisco Leather. Jubilation was evident in almost all quarters as Gary Virginia was chosen to represent our tribe at the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago next Memorial Day weekend. Gary was sponsored by Daddy's Bar and is also Mr. Daddy's Leather 1996.

Our people can be proud that Da Mayor declared last Saturday Mr. San Francisco Leather Day with an official proclamation which was read at the beginning of the contest to whoops and hollers. We can also be thankful that for the first time in three years, Greg Pennington was not heard screaming all over town that the contest was fixed!

The first runner-up was Daniel Sonnenfeld, sponsored by A Taste of Leather, and the second runner-up was George Carreras, sponsored by Mercury Mail Order (a.k.a. the Dildo Mines). The computerized scoring system developed by Tim Wong spit out the scores in less than one minute after the judges marked their final ballots. Tally master Ken Turner delivered the ornate envelopes to the podium in record time.

Marcus Wonacont headed the judging panel, which consisted of Queen Cougar, Keith Truitt, Bear Dog Hoffman, Carlos Larranaga and the outgoing Mr. SF Leather, Wolf Mirasol. Their meetings with the contestants in the pre-judging session were sane, not out of the ordinary, and contrary to some misconceptions, none of the judges had any particular agenda in their questioning.

The other contestants were Mr. SF-Eagle Joe Piazza, Mr. Edge Gary Strickland, Mr. Castro Station Bart Bartholomew and former International Mr. Bear John Caldera (sponsored by the Lone Star Saloon). John was especially amusing when he appeared onstage for the physique portion with a huge pair of bear claw paws on his feet! The crowd loved it!

Emcees former International Mr. Drummer Brian Dawson and Ms. Southbay/San Jose Leather Miranda von Stockhausen quipped their way throughout the event with more than a generous



Mr. San Francisco Leather '96 Gary Virginia flashes an infectious smile after winning the title last Saturday night, April 20. The vest patch by The Leather Zone depicts a leather pride rainbow over the Golden Gate Bridge. Wait till they see it in Chicago!

amount of levity and camp mixed in with the serious parts. Their union was a delight and had the audience in stitches. The opening number ("Masochistic Tango") with William Van Dyk and Vina Las Vegas was hilarious, and Shan Carr's comedy sketch gave the carpets a workout with audience members rolling in the aisles.

Audrey Joseph, peerless when it comes to staging shows, reaped another accolade Saturday night. The Wicked Witch of the East (Vern Stewart) flew in from Washington, D.C., on a golden broom and swooped onstage to present the Peter Austin Award to

dear Audrey. Being the control freak that she is, Audrey just had to know in advance who the recipient would be for her scripting work, so another name was given to her. Surprise! Everyone in the audience was on their feet and gave a prolonged ovation when Mr. Stewart announced the award. Great moment!

Some up-tempo melodies by

the very talented Mark Guess kept the show going, and when Wolf Mirasol was presented for his "final walk" and speech, the magic of Wesley Ballard brought Wolf out of a very tiny box. How did they do it? The audience was in shock.

As his next to final act with the title, Wolf implored the audience to create an on-the-spot travel fund for the winner, and a huge bundle of cash appeared onstage within minutes. Besides his sash, title vest and medallion, Gary Virginia should be able to maintain a decent travel agenda should he have those opportunities.

The entertainment was top-notch, but of course, the real stars of the show were the contestants. Each had certain portions of the audience rooting with vigor, and I don't believe one of them felt left out, ignored or underappreciated. You could feel the love vibrations flowing toward the stage every time they appeared. Contestant coordinator Art Tomaszewski told me the camaraderie in the dressing room was like nothing he'd ever witnessed. The Magnificent Seven helped each other preparing for their various appearances, and when the moment of truth arrived, they were all holding hands in a true spirit of brotherhood.

Mike Grenier of Grenier Wholesale Liquor, long a supporter of our community since the early '70s (when it wasn't fashionable or popular to be a friend of queers), was honored by AIDS Emergency Fund Chairwoman Leslie Ewing with a framed certificate of appreciation for his outstanding record of generosity in furnishing liquor for the AEF and other agencies.

Mike looks as handsome as ever and was the epitome of humility in his acceptance remarks. Surely the angels in heaven broke the mold when they created Mike



Bazaar



Mr. SF Leather '96 winners (l to r): first runner-up, Daniel Sonnenfeld; Gary Virginia, the newly anointed; and George Carreras, second runner-up.



## LEATHER SCENE

## EVENTURES IN LEATHER

## Thursday, April 25

Mr. September 1997 on next year's calendar will be chosen at the SF-Eagle tonight at 2200. The Knights of Malta will simultaneously be holding a \$6 beer bust from 2100 to 2400. There are already some very hot men signed up to compete, so it should be very, very interesting. Win \$100. Calendar benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund.

SM Rap's subject is "Safety at the Stockade" in San Jose from 1900 to 2100. These are ongoing gatherings. Call (408) 336-1606 for details.

## Weekend, April 26-28

LA's Regiment of the Black & Tans annual Maneuvers '96 weekend with a Barracks Party on Friday; Officer's Formal Mess on Saturday (locations: Top Secret); and A.W.O.L. Beer Bust on Sunday at the Gauntlet II, \$6. E-mail inquiries: regiment@primenet.com or phone/fax (213) 358-9483. Uniforms strongly encouraged for all events.

Mr. Los Angeles Leather '96 contest with a meet and greet on Friday night and the contest on Saturday night at the Faultline. "Iron" Mike Pereyra emcees the event. Good luck to all contestants.

Constantines MC 500-mile overnighter, "Return to Reno," shacking up Saturday night at Pepper Mill Hotel & Casino, \$60. Run pin for riding to the Sierras. More info? Call Dale at 285-1965.

Mr. New York Leather '96 contest at the Roxy in New York City, with a meet and greet on Friday at The Lure and the contest on Saturday night. Benefits AmFAR. Good luck to all contestants!

The 15 Association's "Induction Weekend" - with a cocktail party on Friday, 2000-2200; Dungeon Party Saturday, 2100-0200; Sunday, noon to 1700 brunch and dungeon party, \$20. For more info, costs and locations, call Peter at 351-1555 or Bear Dog at 753-1076.

## Friday, April 26

Mr. SF-Eagle Joe Piazza hosts a \$6 beer bust (2100-2400) at the Eagle in honor of Mr. SF Leather Gary Virginia and runners-up Daniel Sonnenfeld and George Carreras, but you're all invited to this benefit for Bay Area Youth Positives.

## Saturday, April 27

First Annual Taurus Party and \$6 beer bust at Daddy's, 1500-1800, to benefit Hermanos de Luna y Sol. Emceed by Gary Virginia and John Caldera. Food buffet is \$2, with raffle and prizes, including a tattoo by Mad Dog.

Mr. Leather New York and Mr. Leather Los Angeles at the Roxy in the Big Apple and at the Faultline in the Big Smog.

## Sunday, April 28

Knights of Malta MC hosts the Eagle beer bust, 1600-1900, \$8. Billed as a no-frills event, it also benefits Bay Area Youth Positives. Last Sunday in April event! Really?

Pigs in Uniform Party and beer bust by Dan Reed and the Alameda Leather Corps at the Turf Club in Hayward, 1500-1800, \$7. Prizes for biggest basket, best uniform, best mustache, and a 50/50 raffle. Call (510) 786-3149 for details.

Busdriver - unplugged rock and roll at Hamburger Mary's at 2000. Hey, it's free and it's fun! Check it out! Hi, Rose!

## Thursday, May 2

You could win a \$125 value VIP package to IML in Chicago (airfare not included!) at the \$6 beer bust by George Carreras & Crew at Daddy's, 2000-2300. Raffle tickets, prizes, dinners - a gay-la affair to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Great prizes have been donated. Don't miss this one!!

## Saturday, May 4

Mr. Northern California Drummer Omar Moseley presents "May Day Masochism" beer bust at the Eagle, 2100-midnight, with Emperor Steve and Empress Cockatielia emceeing. Auction and 50/50 raffle. All to benefit the Godfather Service Fund and only \$6!

The Defenders MC are having a \$6 beer bust at the Lone Star Saloon, 1500-1900, to benefit the Lyon-Martin Clinic. Also \$1 hot dogs!

1996 Closet Ball at Bimbo's tonight at 2000. See some of our hottest men "come out" in drag for the first time! Tickets range in price from \$20 to \$50 and are still available. Call 864-0673. Great event!

Grenier. And while I'm remarking on beautiful people, how about that gorgeous younger - repeat younger (by four years) - sister of Joe Riga! She had the smoking leather men on the outside balcony of the Alcazar mesmerized. And Ms. Vina Las Vegas did a makeup and hair job on Shan Carr so flawless that Shan's new other half hardly recognized her!

The Mr. San Francisco Leather '96 contest is history now. Sure there's disappointment and a little grumbling too, but our community stands together in support for the winner. Several fundraisers are on the burner. Our new man of the hour has picked up the gauntlet and will face all chal-

lenges that come his way, as did many of his predecessors, with a decidedly optimistic and energetic attitude.

My observation of the whole soiree is that any one of the seven men who competed would have been a great choice. The judges say it wasn't an easy task, and I didn't envy them wrestling with their convictions and their beliefs, hoping they would pick the right man. Now we all look forward to a rewarding year with Gary Virginia.

## Other news

Hey, it was busy here last week. The new Main Library opened on Thursday, and by Sunday, the crowds were still outrageous. We

celebrated the Great Quake and Fire of '06; the Golden Gate Guards crowned Andy Rose Mr. Cherry Blossom Festival in a quiet gathering Sunday morning in the Abbey Lounge of the Atherton Hotel; and several bikers had their 'chins blessed on Castro in front of Daddy's. Hordes of leather men and women, title holders and tourists were here for all the festivities, including the Mr. SF Leather contest. The predicted rain deluge never materialized, so the Cherry Blossom Festival and Parade in Japantown was a mob scene. A great week and a better weekend, but after all, this is San Francisco. It's supposed to be that way. ▼

## Thanks for the mammaries

by Sweet Lips

It's Closet Ball time again! Yes, the ever-popular extravaganza from Robert Michael Productions, billed as "San Francisco's most outrageous annual coming out party," is happening Saturday, May 4, at Bimbo's 365 Club. The doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts promptly at 8 p.m. See those macho men get their mammaries! They're suddenly shapelier! Tickets are available from either the Giraffe on Polk Street or Marlena's on Hayes. Prior to the ball, the Giraffe will be serving canapés courtesy of Dennis "Cheese and Crackers" Tyler.

Madam X wants to wish Lee David a happy birthday on the 26th. Consider it done.

Kimo's Penthouse show room

and a new conference room are available for parties or whatever, so call the legendary Vera Rose (next year for empress, hon!) at 885-4535 if your present space is a little tight. I'm always a bit tight myself.

Bill Lynch, now that you've retired from the hurly-burly, come on out for a visit. We love ya.

Cute Tara Miller, daughter of our Polk-strasse postmistress, Linda Miller, is competing in California AIDS Ride 3. She'll be taking seven days out of her young life, June 2-8, to bicycle 525 miles from SF to LA with about 2,000 other people. She's trying to raise at least \$2,500 in pledges between now and June 2.

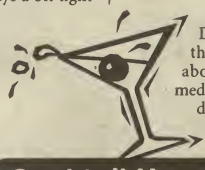
It's estimated that Bay Area riders will earn over \$3 million for the SF AIDS Foundation through this event. Way to go, girl!

The decorations at the new Harvey's Bar at 18th and Castro are fab!

Do enjoy a libation there and reminisce about the good old (or mediocre old) days. A stiff drink does improve one's memory, until the next morning, anyway.

The Hob Nob on Geary still features the personable Uncle Bert on the plank, who can be very avuncular if the mood strikes him.

Last Sunday's drag party at the Cinch was *wunderbar*! You never looked better, Woody! Then again, neither did I! ▼



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# OUT & ABOUT

## Calendare

by Roberto Friedman

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### Not in Kansas

**A**t intimate Bucheon Gallery in Hayes Valley, Alejandro Mazon, a gay NYC artist, is having his first solo show in San Francisco. "Walking in Dorothy's Shoes" consists of twenty paintings drawn from twenty years of gay life. Mazon says he'd been both "helpless princess" and "gang punk" before coming out, and the balance of these seeming opposites is the foundation for his work.

The small acrylics are lively, brilliantly colorful art: scenes of characters from pop culture and myth, in period costume, modern dress and undress, cavorting in dreamworlds that combine elements of still life, portrait and landscape. Paintings like "Friends of Dorothy" and "The Oz Madonna" put a personal spin on the gay *Ör*-film, while "Homage to Charles Pierce" and "Aids christ" set forth the artist's broader iconography.

Family, religion, love, a good witch, drag queens in heaven, and cupids with dildoes at the tip of their arrows—Mazon's art is a pair of ruby slippers, ready to take us home.

"Walking in Dorothy's Shoes" shows with ceramic sculptures by Wynne Hayakawa, through May 8 at Bucheon Gallery, 355 Hayes. Hours are Tues.-Sat., 11am-6pm, or by appointment. 863-2891. ▼

### Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

All-male ensemble performs as swans, sylphs and sprites. 8pm, call for ticket price. Palace of Fine Arts. (510) 762-BASS.

### Block Party

Hayes Street becomes "Rue de Hayes"—strolling, sidewalk tables, wine-tasting, shopping. 7-10pm. 255-9307.

### Box

A hardcore improvised performance by Keith Hennessy questioning prison culture, color, passivity and love. Fri.-Sun. at 8:30pm thru 5/12. \$10. 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero. 922-2385.

### The Colored Museum

UC Berkeley Center for Theater Arts presents George C. Wolfe's satirical drama, vignettes about the African American experience. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sat. & Sun. at 2pm thru 4/28. \$6. Durham Studio Theatre, UC Berkeley. (510) 642-9925.

### The Heather Woodbury Report

"Or, What Ever," an ongoing one-woman 100-character performance novel. Final performance at 10pm. \$10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

### A Kind of Alaska

"(And other locations)," four short plays by Harold Pinter, presented by Aurora Theatre Co. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 4/28. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. (510) 843-4822.

### The Lair

Grand opening night with the men of Falcon Studios. DJ Andrew Tonio from NYC. \$7. 10pm-4am. V/sf, 278 11th St. 621-3885.

### Lawrence Pech Dance Co.

Debut of dance company. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 4/28. \$12.50-\$20.50. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida. 621-7797.

### Lesbian Filmmakers

"Do It Hand-Held:" Guerilla films by Anne Chamberlain, in person. \$5. 8pm. ATA, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

### Measure for Measure

Contemporary Shakespeare Co. presents the sinful comedy, directed by Steven Cosson. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm thru 5/5. \$10-12. 450 Geary Studio Theatre. 241-1511.

### Nobody Told Me...

"A Midlife Rag" by nine performers, including Sheila Balter, Susan Dambroff. Fri. & Sat. thru 5/4 at 8pm. \$8-12. Luna Sea, 2940 16th St. 863-2989.

### Poets Against Rape

Poetry Slam for women only.

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### The Possession of Mrs. Jones

Rock musical by D'Arcy Drollinger, with Kathy Fenker, Jason Mecler, Adrian Roberts, Mary Bond, many more. Thurs.-Sat. thru 5/11 at 8pm. \$10. Bernice St. Playhouse, 21 Bernice. 267-1868.

### Psycho Monkey on Planet Earth

A young man interweaves dance and language to tell tale of his twisted family. \$12-15. Thurs.-Sat. thru 4/27 at 8:30pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia. 826-5750.

### Redressa: Cowgirl of the Open Plains

Grace Walcott returns as whip-wielding heroine who loves to sing on the open plains. Wed.-Sun. thru 5/12 at 8pm. \$12. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

### Ronnie Salazar

Benefit party to help her relocate, MCs Alexis Miranda & Karla Gay. \$5. Esta Noche, 3079 16th St. 861-5757.

### Sexual Compulsive Anonymous

Gay men's group, safe place to talk about acting out. Fridays at 6pm. 52 Waller.

### Silk Stockings

42nd St. Moon's Lost Musical Series presents '50s musical satire of Soviet Russia, music by Cole Porter. Thurs.-

Keith Hennessy works through some hardcore improvisation in 'Box' at 848 Community Space. See Friday's listing.



Sun. thru 4/28, call for times. \$18. Tonight at 8pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

### Spiral/Positive

Composer and digital sampling pioneer Bob Ostertag performs two works which confront the AIDS epidemic. Fri. & Sat. at 8:30pm. \$15. Cowell Theater, Fort Mason. 392-4400.

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### Art-Rage

Exhibition of robots, art by Frank Garvey and collaborators. \$5. Opening party, multimedia presentation, 8pm. Theatre Concrete, 550 Natoma. 621-4068.

### Bermuda Triangles:

"The Non-monogamy Experiment," a fantasy of lesbian sexuality by Sarah Brown. Thurs.-Sat. at 8:30pm, Sun. at 7:30pm thru 5/4. \$10-12. Studio at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

### Dressed To Kill

Sick and Twisted Players bring DePalma's thriller to the stage, directed by Tony Vaguely. Fri. & Sat. thru 5/4. \$8-12. 8pm. Diesel Cathedral, 3178 17th St. 826-5358.

### Gay Comedy Night

Danny Williams, Marilyn Pittman, Tom Ammiano. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

### Kielbasa; Queen of Poland

"A Fairy Tale of Family Roots and Fatty Foods" written and performed by Matthew Morin, directed by Scott Stewart. Sats. thru April. Sliding scale. 8:30pm. Mad Magda's, 579 Hayes. 864-1441.

### Lesbian and Gay Gaymes Night

Pictionary, the Rainbow Gayme, more, free. 7pm. Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa. (510) 559-9184.

### Protecting Your Civil Rights

Overview of protections in SF laws for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons, PWAs. Free. Harvey Milk Institute event. 1-4pm. MCC, 150 Eureka. 552-7200.

### Queering Culture

Jonathan Katz teaches workshop: queer art history at SF-MOMA. \$45. 3-6pm. 151 3rd

St. 552-7200.

### Steve Swayne

Pianist in concert, performing Bach, Chopin, Gershwin, Fauré. \$5. 8pm. MCC/SF, 150 Eureka. 863-4434.

### Taurus Party

John Caldera, Intern'tl Mr. Bear 92, and Gary Virginia, Mr. Daddy's Leather 96, host fundraiser for Hermanos de Luna y Sol, a Latino AIDS support org. Beer bust, \$6. 3-6pm. Daddy's, 440 Castro. 474-4724.

Sun  
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### Condom Bazaar

Information, free anonymous HIV testing. 2-4pm. Nobody's Place, 437 Virginia St., Vallejo. (707) 645-7298.

### Flea

Photographs by Laura J. of objects found at flea markets. Sundays thru 4/28. 1-4pm. LunaSea, 2940 16th St. 863-2989.

### Friends of WCBA

Friends of We Care Bay Area Awards Dinner. Hot Pursuit performs, silent auction. \$25, advance reservation required. 5:30pm. Floggie's Swamp Cafe, 1686 Market. 282-1911.

### Gay and Lesbian Composers

New music by the Society of Gay and Lesbian Composers, including pieces by Malcolm Seagrave, Alan Stringer. Richard Cleaver. \$6, no charge for PWAs. 7pm. Old Finnish Church, 50 Belcher. 333-2755.

### Lines Contemporary Ballet

Artistic Director Alonzo King presents a farewell performance honoring Katherine Warner. \$10-30. 7:30pm. Center for the Arts Theater, Yerba Buena Gardens. 978-ARTS.

Mon  
29

### Alright, O.K.

New paintings and sculpture by local artists Cliff Hengst, Scott Hewicker. Mon.-Sat. thru 5/18. Gallery 16, 1616 16th St. 626-7495.

### Clubfoot Orchestra

Performing music composed by Nino Rota for Fellini films.



"A Gathering of Fairies" by Alejandro Mazon



Monday nights. \$3. Bruno's, 2389 Mission. 550-7455.

#### Frank Browning

Reading from *A Queer Geography*, free. 7:30pm. Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-7852.

#### Gay Comedy Open Mike

M.C. Sabrina Matthews, aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

#### Interviewing the Audience

Spalding Gray talks live with members of the audience. \$18. 8pm. Osher Marin JCC, 200 N. San Pedro, San Rafael. 479-2000.

#### Local Jazz

Live jazz by local artists. 6:30pm. Annabelle's, 68 4th St. 777-1200.

## Tues 30

#### Fibra

Celia Munoz's installation. Also: Ed Osborn's *Parabolica*, Fred Tomaselli's *The Urge to be Transported*, and Community Photo. \$4. Thru 6/2. Center for the Arts, 701 Mission. 978-ARTS.

#### Gay by the Bay

Susan Stryker and Jim Van Buskirk discuss their book on Bay Area gay culture, free. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

#### An Inspector Calls

The Royal National Theatre's Tony Award-winning staging of J.B. Priestly's mystery. Tues.-Sun. thru 5/5. \$25-50. Tonight at 8pm. Golden Gate Theatre, Taylor at Market. 776-1999.

#### Museum of the Future

Ian Pollock and Janet Silk's virtual exhibition based on contemporary telephone technology, free, 24 hours daily thru 7/1. 522-0605.

#### Tranny-Shack

Pippy Lovestocking and Heklina present the drag queen and crossdresser's club and cabaret, every Tues. \$2. 10pm-2am. Stud, 339 9th St. 863-6623.

#### Tuezzday Stories

"ZYZZYVA at The Magic" short stories read by actors, free. 7pm. Magic Theatre, Bldg. D, Fort Mason. 441-8001.

#### Walking in Dorothy's Shoes

Paintings by Alejandro Mazon, ceramic sculpture by Wynne Hayakawa. Tues.-Sat. thru 5/8. Bucheon Gallery, 355 Hayes. 863-2891.

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#### What About AIDS?

Exhibition "for the whole family"—science, art, remembrance, runs thru 6/2. \$9. The Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon. 563-7337.

#### Witness to the Self

"Testigo del Ser," first U.S. solo exhibition by Nahum B. Zenil, thru 7/1. Mexican Museum, Bldg. D, Fort Mason. 441-0445. Also: Zenil's graphic works, thru 4/20 at Polanco Gallery, 393 Hayes. 252-5753.

#### Women with Balls

Comedy hosted by Mimi=Freed. \$5. Tuesdays at 8pm. Cat's Grill, 1190 Folsom.

## Wed

#### Beach Blanket Babylon

Musical tour around the world now includes the Clintons, Dole, and the Village People. Wed.-Sun., call for times. \$18-45. Tonight at 8pm. Club Fugazi, 678 Green. 421-4222.

#### The Cherry Orchard

American Conservatory Theatre presents Chekhov's great human comedy. Thru 6/7, call for times. \$15-45. Geary Theatre, 415 Geary. 749-2ACT.

#### The Jesters

Harmony & humor. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm thru 5/4. \$15, 2 drink min'm. Plush Room, York Hotel, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

#### Land of Paradox:

"Japanese Landscape Photography" exhibit, thru 5/19. \$4. Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250 4th St. 495-7000.

#### Limbo

Group exhibition highlighting work of emerging artists. Wed.-Sat. thru 5/18. Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama. 863-2141.

#### Milk Project

SF Art Commission holds workshop for artists to exchange ideas on a project commemorating the late Harvey Milk, planned for Castro & Market. 7-9pm. 25 Van Ness, Suite 70. 252-2590.

#### A Park in Our House

Nilo Cruz's romantic comedy in the tradition of Chekhov. Wed.-Sun. thru 5/5. \$18-24. Tonight at 8:30pm. Magic Theatre, Bldg D, Fort Mason. 441-8822.

#### Voices from a Farther Room

Kevin Reilly is legendary Welsh poet Dylan Thomas in a fictitious poetry reading in SF. Tonight at 8pm, Sat. & Sun. at 3pm thru 5/19. \$12. 450 Geary Studio Theatre. 673-1172.

## Thur

#### Done Time

Group exhibit includes Katherine Du Tiel, Michelle Handelman and Monte

Cazazza, Evri Kwong, more. Thru 5/28. Catharine Clark Gallery, 49 Geary. 399-1439.

#### Down the Dark Well

Theatre of Yugen presents a contemporary Noh play written by immunology specialist Dr. Tomio Tada. Thurs.-Sun. thru 5/19. \$12-15. 8pm. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa. 621-7978.

#### An Evening of Mindfulness

"And Meditation" with Jon Kabat-Zinn and Judith Lasater. Donation benefits AIDS Emergency Fund. 7pm. SF Press Club, 555 Post. 387-3021.

#### Mexican Modernism

Works of Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and other modernists from the Gelman Collection, thru 9/8. \$7. SFMOMA, 151 3rd St. 357-4000.

#### PWAC-SF

General membership mtg. and social of the People With AIDS Coalition. 7pm. Eureka Valley Rec. Ctr., 100 Collingwood. 522-2341.

#### The Star

Matthew Martin is Bette Davis in Artful Circle Theatre's drag parody. Thurs.-Sat. thru 6/1. \$15. Tonight at 8pm. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason. 956-8497.

#### Something About Us

Andrew Alt's comedy: gay friendship, mourning and sexual initiation. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm thru 5/18. \$12-16. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

#### Tina Modotti

Exhibition of work by modernist photographer, thru 6/2. \$7. SFMOMA, 151 3rd St. 357-4000.

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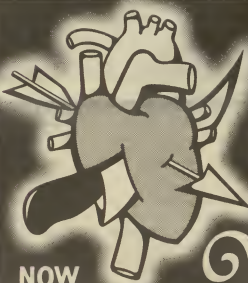
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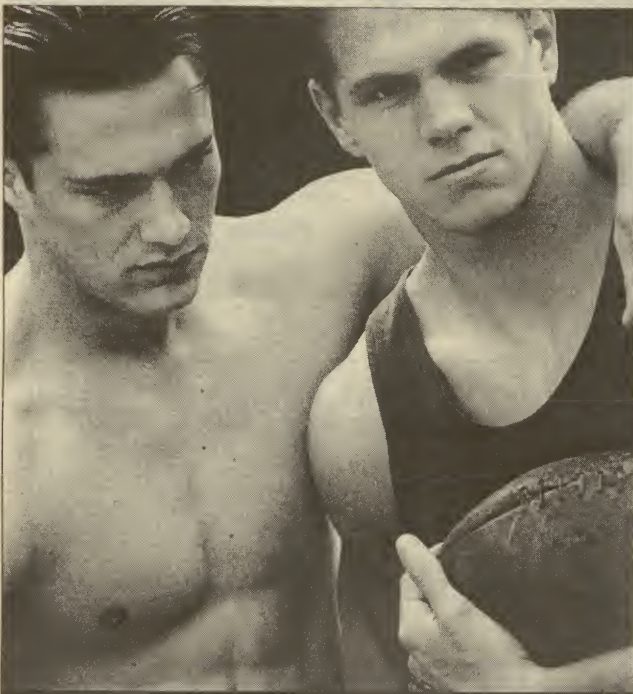
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### PARTING GLANCES

**Laundromat Oak/Gough Sun 3/31**  
You: dk blue airlines shirt, black hair, study. Me: shaved head, wrap around sunglasses, sitting on washer. Looks like we're neighbors. Want to meet? ☐ 9501.

**BART 3/30 10:45PM 12th St. Oak**  
You wore glasses & green workout pants w/huge crotch. I wore br/ caduroy jkt & blk jeans, caring lg matte board. We got off at San Leandro, but you had found someone already. Try me next time. ☐ 9502.

**California Pacific Med. Center Tues 3/29 around 4:00.** We met, I gave you my business card for you to call. I had problems w/my answering service. If you called please call again. ☐ 9503.

**AM 3/28/Soho Gallery On Market**  
You: trim, handsome, silver-gray hair/stache/ beard, jean jacket (?). Me: same coloring, glasses, nylon jacket. Your glances put me in tails/pin, wanted to talk, but you left. Second chance? ☐ 9504.

**Seeking Dave Glen Park**  
We met in 1995 at Embarcadero #4, daytime after dental appt. Would like to get together again. Wish I had said something then. Dave. ☐ 9505.

**3/1 About 1PM**  
U dark hair, stache, cowboy boots. U passed Castro Theater. I whistled, U turned, said "Thanks." I said, "You're a handsome man." Continued up Castro. Me: tall, dark hair, stache, blue flannel shirt, down vest, levis. Like to pursue this. Lunch, drink? ☐ 9506.

**Land's End, Sun 3/31**  
B——, we met, had adjoining "bunkers." Saw you looking down from the hill trail after you left. Want to see you again to explore new ground. Call. M—— ☐ 9507.

**Cheerful Mark On Noe Street**  
On Sunday, 3/31, at about 3AM, I (Jaime) gave you a ride up Market Street to Noe St. I was w/a friend & you sat by yourself in back. You had a cheerful disposition. I hope to hear from you. ☐ 9601.

**3/30 The Lone Star**  
Met you, GWM, from Pacifica, can not get you out of my mind. Look forward to getting to know you, the boy w/the beautiful smile. Me: GWM, Michael from the city. ☐ 9602.

**No. 1 California Hyatt Embarc.**  
Mon April 1, 5:15PM. You: dark hair, stache, beard, some gray, handsome. Me: 6'2", blonde, gray suit, tie, newspaper. We smiled, p/s call. ☐ 9603.

**George, Let's Do It Again!**  
Easter, Lafayette Park, late. I'm WM, tall, fit, goatee. hungry mouth. We played, couldn't exchange numbers. Want to do it nice & slow, the way you like it. Call. ☐ 9604.

**1100 Black S. Van Ness-1980**  
You lived on even side of street, Latino from Texas, Scorpio, worked as a temp in E. Bay & Esta Noche. I'm 6'2", br/bl, Nordic. Looking for needle in haystack. ☐ 9605.

**The Line-Up, Easter Sunday**  
We winked at each other from adjoining booths during dinner, around 7:30PM. I was w/a friend, wearing blue T-shirt. Are you available? ☐ 9606.

**Larkin/Bush 4/9**  
You: heading to grocery store, denim jacket. Me: heading to a film, brown leather jacket. We chatted about weather & DST. I wish I'd changed my plans. Let's meet. ☐ 9701.

**Tanqueria 18th & Collingwood**  
Thursday evening 4/11. You: dark beard, handsome. Me: Beard, glasses, outside w/dogs & w/friend & baby (be-hind you in line). Wanted to tell you, "I'm single & interested." ☐ 9702.

**Intuitive At Steamworks 4/14**  
You called me "intuitive" since I seemed too know all about you, but you were reluctant to take my number. Want a second chance? You: GAM. Me: GWM. ☐ 9703.

**Mike With A Jeep**  
We've played several times near the windmills. I'm Jeff. I drive the maroon Toyota pick-up. I lost your number—please call. I think you're hot. ☐ 9704.

**24 Divisadero Fri 4/12 1:30-2**  
Bus from hell; you made it pleasant. You: gym bag, Gold's T-shirt, burrito for lunch, on way home to nap. Me: white jeans, attaché. Think you are gorgeous. RU available. ☐ 9705.

**Easter At Lone Star**  
Scott, sorry my friends interrupted our talk. Would like to continue. JD ☐ 9706.

**Ultimate Yogurt On Castro**  
4/14, afternoon. You: blonde, goatee, hairy chest, w/friend & dog. Dog spilled purple smoothie. Me: carrying motorcycle helmet, looked back as I left. Are you single? ☐ 9707.

**Boomerang On Sand**  
Baker beach, most sunsets. You're tan, jogger, handsome, WM baseball cap, w/amazing dog, entering and exiting Seaciff. I'm tall, tan, WM, in dark blue Coupe. Show me the way? ☐ 9708.

**Bubby Where RU?**  
We met at the river. You from Chous, NM originally. Now from the city. Lost your address & phone number. Please call. ☐ 9709.

**In Seattle 4/12 Patrick**  
We met at OC Slaughter. You took my breath away with your kisses, turned around and you were gone. You've been on my mind ever since, call let's talk. Michael. ☐ 9756.

**Dennis**  
Portuguese Dennis Landscaper from East Bay. Your Basque friend would like to see you again. Ciao. B. S ☐ 9757.

### SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

**Blue Collar Muscle**  
GWM, nice looking, yng 40's, brn/blz, 5'7", 140#, trim, professional, preppy, affectionate. Seeks muscular man for dates, LTR/UB sincere. ☐ 9508.

**Sensuous Scorp Seeks**  
Lascivious male for espresso and cheeseballs. Me: 23, cute Mexican boy, bewitched, closet, romantic, busy student looking to open my heart...duh! You same? maybe. Passionate, kindred spirit for kissing. ☐ 9509.

**Black HIV+**  
GWM, 5'10", 185#, 50, trim beard and mustache. HIV+. Italian, aggressive bottom; looking for friendship & sexual fun w/an HIV+, black man. Like movies, dining out, music & good feelings. E Bay A+. ☐ 9511.

**Very Handsome/Main Stream**  
Me: masc, hndsm, he, w/br/g, WM, 5'11", 20lbs, very romantic, creative, spiritually evolved, exceptional! You: similar, hndsm & masc, decent body, 29-45, prof, HIV-, non-scene, relationship? I-80, 680, 780, 12, 29, 37, 4, etc. ☐ 9512.

**UR Big Older Bear**  
Kind, gentle, sensitive, furry, humorous, serious, fun, catholic, employed, sane, looking for friendship/LTR. So am I. Serious only-No one night stands. Both HIV-, I'm 50, 5'10", 185#, bald, beard. ☐ 9513.

**Substantial, But Lonely 27 GBM**  
Me: Intelligent, classy & down-to-earth. Honestly handsome, college educated, nice job, but lacking an essential. You: 21-35, any race, intelligent & in shape. I'm 5'11", 175#, nice body & cool smile. Let's do movies, roadtrips, & lazy nights at home. Take a chance. ☐ 9514.

**Tired Of Being Alone**  
Warm, stable GWM, 44, gd/blk, br/bl, 5'9", 160#, good body & mind, HIV-, seeks same or younger. NS/ND/NA. Into smooth bodies & JO. ☐ 9515.

**Skating Buddy!!!**  
I love skating! Looking for guys who also enjoy this activity. Skating is so much more fun when you have skating buddies. I will travel to where ever just to skate. GBM, 5'10", 160#. ☐ 9517.

**"Something Different"**  
Handsome, European, (29, 6', mustache) loves to meet an aggressive top w/ mustache & a lot of personality for cuddling & more. ☐ 9711.

**Daddy's Boy**  
Wanted to love & respect by hot, hairy, Scorpio dad. You be honest, open 18+, daring, & any race. Let's go far together. ☐ 9518.

**Passionate Artist Seeks Lifemate**  
I'm a regular guy who happens to be gay & prefer happily married life. I'm a sexy, masc, btm, 35, 6', 190#, goatee, HIV+, & a suburban community leader. UB: top, tall, masc, HIV+, hairy, horny, altruistic, stable & ready to develop a meaningful relationship w/a loving partner. ☐ 9519.

**Asian Looks For GWM**  
For friend & poss LTR. NS/ND, HIV-, not overweight. Slender A+. No play-ers/game. Serious only. Fun times on reg. encounter. ☐ 9520.

**Want To Have Some Fun?**  
GWM, handsome dad looking for good oral man. Reciprocity very possible. I'm 5'10", 48yo, 185#, hunky, well built, hung, untut. You're masculine, 35-55yo, physically fit, healthy, HIV+ OK, poss. LTR. ☐ 9521.

**"Son" Adopted Me "Dad"!**  
Palm Springs this "son" wouldn't let trim 60's, me/Dad" out of sight for months; nonstop oral incest; slim attr, 150#, 5'9". Dad misses son in SF! If you miss your Dad, call now! ☐ 9522.

**Sick Of Self-Imposed Asceticism?**  
And too damn shy to smile? Are you a sane, single, intelligent, very attractive, financially secure 35-45yo, GWM? I'm told my looks intimidate some men. I dunno why? I'm a tall, dark, very non-intimidating, shy, clean-shaven, HIV-, 43yo, GWM. I've met the unit. Move. Still too shy to call? ☐ 9523.

**Masc WM Seeks Masc BM**  
S. Bay guy, 6'1", 195#, looking to hook up w/a hot black guy 30-50yo. I'm 45 & looking for a man seeking friendship, conversation & hot fun. Height & weight proportionate please. ☐ 9524.

**Seeking That Special Someone**  
In Northern CA for pen-friend/possible LTR. I used to live there & miss it! Me: early 30's, GWM, 5'8", 140#, lt brn/bl, NS, bottom; eclectic, love animals, music, mufon, NPR, free weights, massage. ☐ 9525.

**Are U Out There?**  
GWM, 44, 6', brn hair, stache, hunky body, reg gym goer, sxs similar 29-39, for friendship. I enjoy cooking, fine wine, gym, outdoors, travel, Span & Ital lang/culture. I have Catholic values, NS/ND, lite drink OK. Not looking for mirror image. ☐ 9526.

**6'3" Bttm Seeking Tim Allen Top**  
40, HIV+, smoker, seeking mature man, short-tall-any race, well hung, top, want w/and/or 20-45, Redwood, San Mateo Area. Be sexually aggressive, romantic & playful. Movie buff. ☐ 9527.

**South Of East Bay Guy?**  
X-married GWM, 6', 190#, masculine, versatile, youthful 47, Lt brn burz, clean shave, HIV- NS, seeking very similar 27-42 GWM who is also clean shaven, masc, HIV-, non-mainstream, S. or E. Bay guy for LTR. You should love to cuddle & really enjoy sex!! Hot, muscular bottom a +! ☐ 9528.

**Tus Palabras, To Contacto.**  
Dios serviria de poco si te tuviera cerca de mi. Bright, honest, loyal, 31yo, GWM, HIV-, seeks loving Latin man to explore life's adventures. 5'8", 155#, blind/hz. Que no seas un farsero cuando te vea otra vez. ☐ 9529.

**C.H.P. Officer**  
New to gay scene. I'm Italian, 6'+, 180#, hung appropriately, top, gd/blk. Wish to meet others attracted to motor officers, since working environment precludes this. Must be over 5'8" & discreet. Let's go to work & play! ☐ 9530.

**TLC & Hot Times**  
GWM, 40, 5'11", 180#, looking for GWM or HIV-, 30-40, to enjoy each other & do things together. Smoke OK. The bigger & hotter the better. ☐ 9531.

**Waiting To Exhale**  
I'm from Vallejo—there is quality here & some day he'll answer this ad. I've been here 3 yrs, advertising & waiting to exhale—me both 5'8", 140#, fine complexion, HIV-, working, any race, into a good heart, mind, soul & God. Possible LTR, friends first. ☐ 9532.

**East Bay-HIV+ Top Wanted**  
Must have dark hair—brown eyes & mustache. GWM, 34, blue, brown, 180#, handsome widow in Concord area needs boyfriend. LTR for Virgo or Capricorn. ☐ 9607.

**Hot Top/Hopelss Romantic/Hndsm**  
Hard bodied, hirsute, hung, horny, humorous, heartfelt, honest, hard working professional, half way through life. You: insatiable bottom, incredible body, intelligent, imaginative, intense, involved, inspired, intriguing, itinerant, intuitive, & interested in exploring a LTR. ☐ 9608.

**Relationship=Friendship**  
Do you need someone special in your life? Maybe a friend or partner? Attractive GWM, 30's, 5'8", 150#, in shape, trustworthy & spiritual. WLTm, GWM, 25-45, for passionate relationship. I live in Sacramento & WLTm Bay Area GWM. ☐ 9609.

**Russian River Men Wanted!**  
GWM, 5'4", 41yo, HIV+ & healthy, 130#, seeks other similar men, 35-45, for companionship. Like walking, rivers, beaches, sunbathing, biking, baking & good videos. Must like dogs, and love to dance. Let's date! ☐ 9610.

**Books And Sex**  
Are reasons to live. GWM, 40, smart, funny, fit, 5'8", 160#, glasses; too shy for sex clubs, unwilling to stand around bars; romantic, horny, versatile; like reading, writing, Tori Amos, rural wkends, have friends, rewarding work, health (a non-progresser), but lonely. You are: interesting, funny, loyal, horny, romantic, queer bookworm. ☐ 9611.

**Care Bear Seeks Gentle Giant**  
Chubby South Bay GWM seeks buddy bear for aerobic workouts, furry fun activities, possible LTR. Big furry blondes & redheads rub me the right way. ☐ 9612.

**Cute GBM Seeks Asian For LTR**  
32, 5'7", 155#, light brown skin, healthy, nice guy seeks special Asian guy for cultural exchange, friendship & possible LTR. I'm professional, stable, addition free. You are attractive, 21-30yo, serious but fun, ht/wt proportionate. Serious only. ☐ 9613.

**HIV+ Hung 8X6 Top Sonoma City**  
Healthy, masc, insaph, HM, 6'4", 210#, 50, seeks LTR w/masc, young to 35, vers btm, h/wt poor, into long erotic uninhibited sex and Lthr, CW, gym & monogamy, NS/D/DRNK. ☐ 9614.

**Companionship**  
I want a sexual-emotional relationship for guy. I'm 40's, black, professional, lean, defined build, bottom. I want us to enjoy & care for each other. ☐ 9615.

**Ready For Here To Infinity**  
GWM, 37, 5'4", 130#, br/bl, HIV-, handsome, cute, professional, & employed. I know what I want, do you? Eternal romantic. Looking for GWM, 30-50, HIV+, for dating, living, loving, & limitless future. ☐ 9616.

**Wanted: A Man W/A Big...Heart.**  
Personality & shared interests more important than looks. I'm 40ish, med build, funny, flirtatious but shy; a homebody w/a passion for music, the web, TV, movies & concerts. ☐ 9617.

**Latex Love**  
Play safe! Wear a condom and never exchange bodily fluids. ☐ SAFE

**What've You Got To Lose?**  
Personality & shared interests more important than looks. I'm 40ish, med build, funny, flirtatious but shy; a homebody w/a passion for music, the web, TV, movies & concerts. ☐ 9618.

**GWM Seeks Truly Romantic GAM**  
I'm attractive, masculine, 40yo, 5'9", 165#, HIV- & healthy. Enjoy going to movies, dinner, trips to Tahoe, bicycling, massage, & walks on beach. Want straight acting GAM friend, 25-40yo, for honest, sincere, affectionate relationship. ☐ 9619.

**In Search Of: Fur**  
You: very furry everywhere, take care of yourself, head together, emotionally stable, into: HIV+, handsome, healthy, nice build, Capricorn, affectionate, loyal, learning, versatility, NS/ND, possible LTR, 35 yo. ☐ 9620.

**Sincere BM Seeks GWM**  
Me: 5'11 1/2", 160#, versatile, 39, very handsome seeks WM 40 & under whose attractive & honest. Weight proportionate to height. I'm HIV+ & healthy. You won't be disappointed. ☐ 9621.

**Exude Alacrity?**  
You're hunky, slim, sweet, sensitive, stable, secure, seriously romantic 36-44, GWM. I'm tall (6'1 1/2"), dark, handsome, shy, smooth, masculine, lean, dominant, mischievous, HIV-, 41, GWM. ☐ 9622.

**Wolf On A Foxhunt! Where's The**  
Boy next door when you need him? Me: 35, 6', 195#, goatee/stache, brn/zt, mod hairy. UR: 26-36, wh/lat, fox (sym bod/dancer/skater) w/rgs plowable ass. HIV+ & healthy. btm. Educ. Emp. Likes blk tie blk leather. CK SZ unimportant, brains is. ☐ 9623.

**Hairy Man**  
42, h/wt poor, bearded, gd/blk, uncult, seeking partner who enjoys oral times. Intelligent, humorous, employed. I'm looking for me only cut. NS please, let's meet for a beer after work. ☐ 9624.

**Seeking A Best Friend**  
BM, 38yo, 6', 190#, br/br, in shape, seeks W/H/A, bottoms, 25-38, masc, attractive, weight/height proportion. Sincere, honest, pls no flakes, only real men. LTR desired. Photo req. I'm waiting. S 9710.

**GAM Seeks GWM/GLM**  
Smooth & well built, 31, 5'10", 178#, seeks in shape & cute or handsome white or Latino, 25-40. Let's hang around & see what's gonna develop. Tall & hung A+. ☐ 9712.

**Romantic Man Of Color?**  
I'm looking for a sweet & romantic man of color between 25-45 yo to date & possibly develop a loving relationship. I'm particularly attracted to Latino, Black or Pacific Island men. I'm 40, slender, workout, intelligent, caring, Caucasian, w/a wide variety of interests. Let's talk. ☐ 9713.

**Wntd: Spiritual/Caring/Young Guy**  
Spiritual, loving, adventurous, handsome, mature man in wheelchair, finishing law school, seeks big-hearted guy who fears nothing and wants a committed, monogamous, relationship. ☐ 9714.

**Handsome WM In Hawaii Seeks?**  
Friends/relationship. Me 5'5", 126#, professional, 40 but look 32-35, wants to meet 25-40 yo GAM & GWM. I travel to SF often. Who knows! ☐ 9715.

**High Energy**  
Dance at Club Universe, adventurous, spontaneous, versatile, fun & playful, swim, work-out, movies, companionship, GWM, 5'10", 144#, swimmer's build, seeking friends, dance partners, possible LTR. ☐ 9716.

**GWM Seeks GBM 40-60**  
GWM, 51, 5'7" 135#, HIV-, professional, seeks GBM, 40-60, w/similar background & interests. I'm an intellectual, I read a lot, hike, take walks, bicycle, got to movies, plays, reading, concerts, etc. ☐ 9717.

**GWM Retired But Not Tired**  
Active 64yo, 6'3", 204#, HIV-, friendly, romantic, cuddly, F w/P, Gr P, pleasure not pain. Enjoys life & good times. Sks GWM/AM, 45-60 w/similar likes. Possible LTR. ☐ 9718.

**Hopeful Romantic**  
GWM, 42yo, 5'11", 185#, dark hair/eyes, masculine, considered, handsome, enjoys outdoors/indoors, old movies, travel, candlelight dinners & long passionate kisses. HIV+, but extremely healthy. Interested in honest, loving relationship. ☐ 9719.

**Seeking Partner & Soul Mate**  
G/L/M, Italian, handsome, young looking 53, 5'11", 175#, HIV-, versatile, very sentimental, romantic, looking for same: G/L/M, 40-50, in shape, for good times together, & possible relationship. Waiting to hear from you. ☐ 9720.

**GBM Hung & Healthy**  
I'm attractive, in shape, & very horny—Seeking GWM, same. Into working out, good health & hot sex. ☐ 9721.

**Hot Swimmer's Body**  
5'11", 170#, 32W, 43C, br/hz, straight-acting guy seeks under 30 dude for friendship & possible LTR. Interests include working out, movies, music, politics, travel. Be open, honest & communicative. ☐ 9722.

**Friendship Plus**  
GWM, 38, 165#, brn/blz, goatee, looking for tall, lean, dark-haired, clean & sober, snuggly buddy. My interests include mathematics, C/W dancing, sexual kink, bridge & bad TV. ☐ 9723.

**Straight-Acting Regular Guy**  
Intelligent, fun loving, GWM, 38, 5'8", 140#, br/bl. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, working out. Looking for HIV-, GWM, 25-40, attractive, clean cut for friendship or more. ☐ 9724.

**Invisible On The Peninsula**  
I'm the guy you notice but think is straight. I'm not! I'm a GWM, 5'8", 140#, br/bl, clean cut, handsome, professional. Looking for friendship w/stable GWM, 30-45, HIV-. ☐ 9725.

**Turkish GBM From Istanbul**  
New in the Bay Area, looking for romantic relationship and other Turkish gay friends. Me: student, UC Berkeley, 24yo, 5'7", 150#, cute, attractive, Mediterranean bottom. HIV-, as you are! Call me!! ☐ 9726.

**Latex Sex**  
...is safe sex. ☐ SAFE



**HIV GBM Seeking Friendship**  
With athletic minded guy in health, relationships, out of the way places, nature, quiet evenings at home & simple meals. I am extremely shy with people, so somewhat hard to know but very friendly. ☎ 9727.

## LESBIAN

**Desperately Seeking Women**  
Where are all the women? I know you read BAR Talk, so why not place an ad. Dates, romance, sex in the afternoon. Who knows, you may just find the woman of your dreams. ☎ WOMEN.

## SEEKING ADVENTURE

**The Hottest Guy In Town**  
Even the hottest guy in town is not worth risking your life over. Always play safe. Where a condom and never exchange bodily fluids. ☎ SAFE.

**Ride Me Hard & Fast**  
Just shut up & ride! WM, 30, 5'10", 200#, bi/bi, muscle hunk, 48" ch, 31" w, clean-cut, wants gdlng & very masculine men to top me. Call anytime, even late nite. ☎ 9533.

**No Strings Attached**  
GBM, 30, 6', 160#, 9", top, seeks GWM, 30-50, for afternoon fun. Not looking for a commitment. Let's just kick back and enjoy. Sex is great but not necessary. Give me a call. ☎ 9534.

**Berkeley Velvet Throat**  
For study or cute, in shape, handsome guys under 40. I'm slender, tall, very handsome, masculine, friendly, clean shave, blue eyed, expert swordswallower. Would love to suck WM or MF couple too. I want your load! ☎ 9535.

**Free Quality Massage**  
Strong, sensual, nurturing, fullbody Swedish, massage for nicely built young men. I'm 6'2", 175#, 43, gdlng, masculine, sincere. Experienced. Table. Because you'll enjoy it! ☎ 9536.

**Leather Daddy Wanted**  
Sk leather daddy for fun & pleasure. GWM, 40's, 170#, 5'9", bottom, hairy, nice dick, better butt. ☎ 9537.

**Eat At Joe's**  
White, hot guy, trim, muscular, needs oral service on site. 175#, 5'9", gdlng, masculine, sincere. Take a trip on roads of loads. Mature, but edibly young. ☎ 9538.

**Super Deep Throat Action**  
By 45, GWM, oral expert. Must have at least 7" or better, any race or age. No fats, fems or games. Leave detailed message. Porn, aroma. ☎ 9539.

**Cheesy Foreskin Lover**  
Get a slow deep tongue bath for your hot cock by 45 GWM, any age or race. Leave a detailed message. ☎ 9540.

**East Bay Sex**  
Gdlng, masculine, light BM, 6'2", 195#, 45, nice build seeks Asian, Latin, Black buddy for hot, safe sex, very versatile. Let's play. ☎ 9541.

**Bad Attitude—Good Fuck**  
Hot, hung, masculine, muscular, Italian, toman, needs a hot, in shape, bottom. Muscles, tattoos, goatees, small dicks & bubble butts drive me nuts, any race. ☎ 9542.

**Bare-Assed Wrestling**  
The fewer rules, the better! Hunky, very hairy, muscled (work out 4 mornings a week), 165-pounder seeks similar size (hairy) but a real + for down-n-dirty, no-holds-barred, rough-house, submission matches in the raw. Let's swap some sweat! ☎ 9543.

**Double Adventure**  
In shape, versatile, WM, 5'11", hung big, needs other WM (20-30's) well built, hairy body w/a big firm hairy bubble butt to eat & fuck. ☎ 9544.

**Big Men**  
GBM, 5'11", 235#, handsome, hung, seeks big husky, hefty, & pleasantly fat men for sensual, romantic encounters. If you're big, I'm interested. ☎ 9545.

**Hairy? Smelly? HIV?**  
I want to jack out your load!! Bushy stinky pits, beard, uncut dick, A+ Kick back, no reciprocity. I'm 38, 6'2", 185#, HIV-. Facial & body hair essential. ☎ 9546.

**Submissive Facelitter Wanted**  
By gdlng GWM, into deep rimming & finger fucking. Me: friendly, masc, nice body, HIV-, 40's. You: very submissive, HIV-, short & overweight, hung small A+. Any race or age. Discrete, on going pref. ☎ 9547.

**Let's Get Real**  
Latino, 5'9", 160#, healthy, HIV-male seeking GL Latino or Asian lover residing in SF. I'm mature, sensitive, & looking for a LTR. Only serious inquiries please. Must be HIV-too. ☎ 9548.

**Cute Overworked 23yo Btm**  
Seeks cute top under 30 for casual working over. Days best. Must be creative & open to exploration. ☎ 9549.

**Glory Hole**  
Visiting California from Siria. I'm gdlng, very hung, looking for "public" w/hole, schools, rest stops, etc. Can also help to make a hole, interest in! ☎ 9550.

**Bowed Legs Are My Favorite**  
Gdlng Arab, 36yo, green eyes, good body, hairy ass, is seeking men w/bowed legs to relieve as a teen. ☎ 9551.

**Raunch Pig Bottom**  
Stroke your own meat while this Stanford area man makes love to your tits. Smooth beefy pecs w/big point/pouting nipples make me salivate. Let's cum on my chest. Me: 35, 6'1", 180#, buff optional chest hair. Out only. ☎ 9552.

**Bondage Slave Sought**  
Pushy bottoms need not apply. ☎ 9634.

**Never Weaned**  
Stroke your own meat while this Stanford area man makes love to your tits. Smooth beefy pecs w/big point/pouting nipples make me salivate. Let's cum on my chest. Me: 35, 6'1", 180#, buff optional chest hair. Out only. ☎ 9553.

**Spread My Hole Wide**  
Then show in your tongue & then your dick. I'll suck you off till you shoot. Attractive, GWM, 39yo, 160#, bld-brn/bl, HIV+ seeks similar. My hole is hot & ready for plowing. ☎ 9554.

**European Boytoy**  
40, 155#, 5'10", c/n shwn, smooth, uncut, nice bubble butt, HIV-, needs to be stripped naked, shaved from cock to butt, wear leather, toys dildoes, BD, ass play. Order me to show off for your friends in only my mesh briefs, or naked w/leash attached to my balls & plug in my butt. ☎ 9555.

**Caring First Time Experience**  
Lanky, boyish, 5'11", 145#, 50, former top man wants to meet top teacher. Attracted to smooth, muscular, w/hit pro. guys w/ an endowment. Guys are affectionate, patient, & turned on by my slender, toned physique & cute butt. Be NS/ND, vanilla, STD free as I am. ☎ 9567.

**Bad Boys Disciplined**  
Role playing & verbal abuse encouraged. Light bondage, spanking, fantasies. Me: attrac, GWM, 45, 6'5", 250#, football player's build. You: attrac, GWM, 18-35, smooth/minor body hair, nice butt. You need it bad! ☎ 9625.

**Seeking Men With Big**  
Dicks who want to get sucked while enjoying an elegant dinner. Event of the season! Interested? ☎ 9626.

**What's Wrong**  
Older men like to be plowed too. I'm 54, 6'2", love WM to really plow me. E. Bay. ☎ 9627.

**Naked Adventure**  
Strip down for an incredibly invigorating free massage. Masculine, easy-going WM, 40, w/lean build provides soothing pleasure for masculine trim guys in their 20's or 30's. ☎ 9628.

**Whips & Tit Clamps**  
GWM 57yo, needs daytime buddy for mutual play. Be GWM trim, w/friendly attitude. Not into top/bottom roles. No Cologne. HIV+ OK. ☎ 9629.

**Black Top Wanted**  
GWM, 6', 165#, HIV-, wants to service your cock, balls & ass (suck, fuck, rim). Need your wad or? ☎ 9630.

**Have Boyfriend & Need Sex???**  
Me: Handsome, tall, well endowed, blonde, 35. You: hot dude under 40 who has boyfriend, but wants to have passionate, safe, discreet, sex on the side. Be discreet, safe & horny!!! ☎ 9631.

**My 50 yo, Fat, Black, & Juicy 9"**  
Mantool needs a hot, hard & fast deep throat massage nightly in the E. Bay. Sincere experts only please (test first). Home phone required. ☎ 9632.

**Bad Studmuffin Moving To Bay Area**  
24yo, blonde, bottom needs to connect w/top guys who will whip my ass the way Dad did. I need to know my ass will be disciplined in SF the way it's been in NY. Please be 20-35 & hot & mean! ☎ 9633.

**The Small Of Your Back**  
The inside of your thigh, your armpit, the back of your knee. Just a few places my tongue, lips & fingers wish to explore. You under 45, drug and disease free. Let me take you on an adventure. ☎ 9635.

**Expert Cock sucker**  
Senior GWM, 5'7", 130#, begs to worship masc, verbal, toman only, over 40, wgt proportion, cauc or Asian. ☎ 9636.

**Hairy?**  
Are you under 45, dark-haired, attractive, trim & clean-shaven but have a very hairy chest? This GWM couple, intellectuals 34/40 will give you the attention you deserve. ☎ 9637.

**Just Hot Fun Sex**  
40's Top looking for a bottom who truly enjoys getting plowed. Me: hot, handsome, good shape, hung, 6', 175#. You: hot, handsome, good shape, great ass, (beard, uncut would be +). ☎ 9638.

**Stud Butt-Hole Licker**  
Muscular, athletic jock w/rimseat, is looking for nasty studs who like to kick back & have their asshole, balls, and cock worshipped by an eager, obedient, hot tongue. ☎ 9639.

**Cum On Face In Oakland**  
GWM, 42yo, 6'1", 200#, seeking big loads on my face, private & discreet. Be between 18-45. We can watch videos, days best. ☎ 9640.

**Berkeley Preppy Suck**  
Handsome, tall, slender, blue-eyed, masculine, mid 30's, will suck off gdlng, in shape, guys under 40. If you're anything from studly to cute, then deep fuck my face. ☎ 9641.

**Nude Massage**  
Given by young blond German, 5'10", very handsome, discrete & sincere. Professionally trained in German. You: friendly, any age, living in SF or Marin. I'd like to give you a massage on a regular basis. ☎ 9645.

**Str8 WM 18-22?**  
Bi-curious Caucasian, clean-cut, makes great massages, watch porn, try jack-off machine. No strings. My place, days OK, SF. HIV-, Bi WM, students/jocks welcome! ☎ 9728.

**Stable Prsnl Cub Sks Dad**  
Gdlng, GWM, 42, 5'9", 230#, mod hairy, great beard, brown hair/eyes, submissive, total bottom, HIV-, seeks masculine, dominant dad type over 35 for safe fun & possible LTR. Looks, size, race are unimportant, but "take-charge" attitude is. All answered promptly. ☎ 9729.

**Bi Spanish Male**  
Prsnl, 27yo. Not into club/ba scene. Likes movies photography, music, weight training. Mischievous by nature but discreet. Sks c/nct, N/S, well built/pumped G or Bi WM w/similar interests for fun & whatever develops. ☎ 9730.

**Husky Asian Bottom ISO Husky**  
Tops under 30 w/ 7" & above. Me: 5'11", 185#, blk sh hair, brn eyed, smooth skin, 37 yo. You be in the mid Peninsula. Have car will travel to you. ☎ 9731.

**Discreet Black Top Man, Plain**  
Looking hot & horny & hung (9") seeks bottoms who are muscular, manly, mature, sincere & available for hot quickies at my place. East Bay. ☎ 9732.

**Cum Sit On My Face**  
Gdlng Berkeley BM, 44, 235#, seeks your young white butt to eat w/enthusiasm as long as you want. My place. HIV- please. No reciprocation necessary. Hairy, muscular A+. ☎ 9733.

**Soak That Big Meat To The Root**  
Deep throat needs challenging adventures. 36/61/210, bl/gr, can handle 8"+ at either end. Hungry, skilled & ready to deliver. Let's work it! ☎ 9734.

**8"+ Is This You?**  
Do you have 8+ inches? Two gdlng men want to suck you off. Kick back be serviced. Uncut + + +. ☎ 9735.

**Big Dick Big Load**  
Horny, Italian, masculine, Bi, 39, 5'9", 165#, w/whic 8 inch dick & big load, seeks hungry, young, gdlng males to suck me off. I want to feed you. ☎ 9736.

**Same Time Next Week? Month?**  
Gdlng, good body, 39, 5'5" 145#, both my holes need feeding, harsh treatment & attitude. You're hot, get off by being cruel, tough, rough. ☎ 9642.

**Out For Adventure**  
Masc, musc guy seeks other guys or couples for good times. Enjoy strong man to man sex, fun times around SF, or weekend trips. Be outgoing, horny & ready for adventure. No fems. ☎ 9738.

**Jackstrap Wrestling**  
Handsome, muscular, GWM seeks others who are turned on by erotic wrestling. Open to all fantasies & skill levels. No heavy rough housing, just good, clean, sweaty fun. ☎ 9739.

**Let's Party!!!**  
GWM, 30, 6'1", 165#, contra costa wants boys who like to party & have their cocks drained. White/Latin to kick back unless you want more. I'll do your friend at the same time. Brothers A+. ☎ 9740.

**Steady Sex Buddy & Friendship**  
Cute Afro-Am 25, 5'6", 155#, seeks W/LM, 24-36, Be HIV-, practice safe sex. Also gdlng/cute, well endowed or average. A top who enjoys being serviced. No 1 nite stands, serious response only. Will return all calls. ☎ 9742.

**Regular Sex Buddy**  
Nice looking GWM, 5'10", 170#, 41, muscular Australian. Great ass, seeks buddy for hot sex. HIV+. ☎ 9743.

**Titwork**  
Sexy senior Daddy, 6', 175#, 6 1/2" uncut, hairy, seeks mutual titwork, subtle to intense w/any age, weight, color. Daddy will suck & rim. ☎ 9744.

**Erotic Wrestling**  
Muscular male, 51, 5'8", 155#, smooth, great pecs, seeking educated friend for wrestling, working out, oil massage, conversation (any race). ☎ 9745.

## FETISHES

**Turd Is The Word**  
I'll do anything for hot masc stashed stud w/ short hair who is nuts about cuffing & other things. I'm horny it! RU. ☎ 9556.

**Raunch Bottom Wants Toilet Top**  
Handsome muscular German pig bottom seeks hot, hairy, strictly tops only for full toilet services. Your trim seat, mine or none. I'm hot, handsome, hunky & hungry. ☎ 9568.

**Again**  
Sizzling hot mouth & tongue. WM 50's wants again, cut, big feet, WM naked, with time to relax & let me loose on your clean feet. ☎ 9557.

**Thirsty Ass Eater**  
WM, 36, 5'10", 165#, redhead, smooth well defined body, seeking raunchy, clean ass, dirty mind, WS, age & looks unimportant, but attitude is. ☎ 9558.

**Muscular Top Feeds Scat**  
To full service hungry toilets. May teach obedient trainees. Have rimseat & videos. Prefer young, clean-cut bottoms, but not mandatory. All calls returned. ☎ 9559.

**Asians Serviced**  
WM, late 40's, provides oral service for Asian cock, balls, tits, armpits. Especially wants to worship uncut Asian cock. ☎ 9560.

**Full Service/Sewer Throat**  
Services rank, hairy assed tops, verbal abuse, 80, cheesy uncuts, splitters. I'm hairy, tattooed, hot bodied, eager cocksucker. Heavy duty attitude, over 40 is A+. ☎ 9561.

**Dildo Fun**  
Attractive GWM, 40, bearded, mostly bottom, seeks tops for dirty talk, fingering, exhibitionism & dildo play. Kinky, nasty, verbal voyeur a +. SF to Sonoma. ☎ 9562.

**Scat Bottom/Fist Bottom**  
Gdlng, good body, 39, 5'5" 145#, both my holes need feeding, harsh treatment & attitude. You're hot, get off by being cruel, tough, rough. ☎ 9642.

**Older Men**  
HIV-, hairy, healthy scat top in his 40's. Acting out with teacher, doctor type, suits, cops, etc. Straight +. Dirty top. ☎ 9643.

**Tough Dad**  
Blue collar Dad, 6'1", 250#, meats it out to boys who dick off, wear jockey shorts, etc. Long hard woodshed discipline, tough kink & good BD for your dirty little behavior problems. ☎ 9644.

**Suck Bottom Slave Trainee**  
Beginner, HIV-, GWM, 48, wishes to change fantasy to reality! Seek Master Daddy types willing to strip me naked & school me right. I'm ready to submit completely; shaving, BD, groups? To earn my slave collar. ☎ 9646.

**Get The Picture**  
GWM, 50, HIV-, wants to take your cock down my throat or up my ass, while you use my Polaroid to take pictures of me going lit. Like double exposure! ☎ 9647.

**Mature Men**  
GWM, 38, love to orally service older mature men, 55-95. Facial hair, uncut, unkempt-looking, group scenes a +. Not nec. No SM, pain. ☎ 9652.

**Our Barefeet Together**  
Aroused safe sexually/sensually looking at & fantasizing over men's barefeet is this gdlng E. Bay GWM, 5'9", 140#, tan, bearded, HIV-, w/lifetime excitement in reciprocal kissing, licking, smelling barefeet. ☎ 9746.

**Get Off W/Pants Pulled Down**  
501's unbuckled? Slacks/khakis unzipped? Belt unbuckled? Pants open? Hard-on in your shorts (boxers/briefs)? GWM, 40's seeks other men into JO w/pants & shorts dropped around their legs. ☎ 9747.

**Dudes Into Body Piercing**  
Healthy masculine WM, pierced, 35, 5'10", 150#, seeks healthy masculine WM (preferably grunge-types) into body piercing for man sex. You: 20-30's, slender-average build. ☎ 9748.

**Dildoes**  
Versatile, 42 yo, bottom has large collection including figure 8 shaped replica of the wild American Goziny. ☎ 9749.

**Discipline**  
Retired former school master is available to provide corporal punishment. Whip, strap & cane. Upper Haight. Discrete. ☎ 9750.

**Masturbation Addict**  
GWM, 6'2", 210#, obsessed with constant discrete public JO seeks B/mideastern/WM for 1 on 1 or group play. Hairy, hung, tit wk, A+. ☎ 9751.

**Scat: Bodybuilder Top Wanted**  
Experienced cleancut, versatile, hungry, bottom seeks bodybuilder top for long sensual sessions. Also into most other scenes. Have rimseat, videos, leather. Leave message & number. All calls answered. ☎ 9741.

## COUPLES

**Asians Wanted**  
GWM couple, 40's, HIV-, love Asian men for friendship/fun. ☎ 9563.

**Asians B/D By GWM Couple**  
WM, late 40's, 6', 180#, AM, 30's, 5'8", 150#, sexy. Both are gdlngs, masc & stache. We will tie you up, play w/your cock, balls, etc. till you shoot. Open for fetishes & safe sex. No fems. ☎ 9653.

## OTHER

**Vacation In Greece**  
Seeking travel companion for two week trip to the Greek Isles. Share expenses. ☎ 9564.

**HIV+, Athlete's Social 4 Singles**  
Wanna meet hot, healthy HIV+, gym boys that are single? We do exist! If you wish to meet, date, romance, or just play w/o fear, call to find out about this social. ☎ 9565.

**Into Latex Sex**  
Latex sex is hot sex is safe sex! Always wear a condom and never exchange bodily fluids. ☎ SAFE

**Seek Workout Trainer**  
GM seeks trainer for workouts. Have small gym in apartment complex. Serious calls only. ☎ 9566.

**How About A Musical Together?**  
Bernal Heights, Sat. or Sun. night. Bring cassettes, LP's, CD's, or reel-to-reel; opera, orchestral, whatever your favorites are. I have good sound. Leave your phone number & we'll get it together. ☎ 9648.

**"Caverjet" Cockman**  
This senior, trim Englishman will present his fully stuffed penis for sensual activity. Discussions offered to those wishing to replicate. ☎ 9649.

**Mentor Seeks Student**  
ISO boyish, under 30, steady LTR partner. Must be bright, cheerful, cuddly, HIV-. All ethnic groups welcome. Me: caring, professional, very trim, compact, 44yo, GWM, HIV-. ☎ 9650.

**Floridian With Fetish**  
For nylon/lycra seeks friends in Bay Area. Lub ballcandies, 3 cats, tighty, bicycling. ☎ 9651.

**Calling All Seattle Heroes!!**  
You can continue the study in SF. ☎ 9752.


**Looking For A Bride**  
Sweet macho man seeks open minded woman for marriage of convenience. You've got your reasons, I've got mine. Real ring. Say "I do." Fabulous door prizes. ☎ 9753.

**Pose Nude For Drawing**  
Take it all off for a charcoal drawing of the naked you. With a friend or solo. With a hard on or hanging. With or without sex. Good bodies only. ☎ 9754.

**Hot Daytime Adventure**  
This hot healthy HIV+, 51yo man is looking to meet 35 to 55 yo guys. You be similar, horny & sexually creative. ☎ 9755.

**Seeking Star Look-A-Likes**  
Including: Tyrone Power, Sinatra, Dietrich, Garbo, Gypsy Rose, Sammy Davis, Liz/Burton, Marx Bros', Zsa-Zsa, Lena Horne, Crawford, Queen and family; Bill/Hillary, etc. Theater benefit. Call now! ☎ 9758.

**The Hottest Guy In Town**  
Even the hottest guy in town is not worth risking your life over. Always play safe. Wear a condom and never exchange bodily fluids. Remember, safe sex is hot sex! ☎ SAFE



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## Out There

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going to voice her disapproval of the concert at full throttle until she realized she was seated next to one of the high priests of music journalism in SF, a **fastidious faultfinder** known for the withering glances and disparaging grumbles he tosses at **barbarians** who defect mid-concert. So, Portia decided there was a more appropriate course of action open to a pathetic alcoholic with no taste in music: sleep. Her head crashed onto her plentifully padded chest and didn't come up until Ms. von Otter began spinning out all her lovely encores, which included a curious **Victor Herbert** ditty called, "I'm Falling in Love with Someone," which, says Portia, the singer chose to perform as "a special number for San Francisco."

Though Portia is a certified dolt, she vividly recalled the song's lyrics, which went something like, "It was making me kind of queer, but I hope no one will notice." As our busy phone will attest, more than a few people did.

## Latino star search

If you're young, Latin, sexy and not afraid to star in a "90s politically incorrect Latino *Rebel Without a Cause* that is unapologetic about the mix and clash of class, fashion, race, music, sexualities, etc.," filmmaker **Ela Troyano** is looking for Y-O-U. Troyano, whose short film *Carmelita Troyano* was a hit on the gay film fest circuit a few years back, is on the prowl for talent for her first feature, *Latin Boys Go to Hell*, based on a novel by 24-year-old Mexican-American writer **André Salas**.

The protagonist of *Latin Boys* is a **daydreaming gay boy** whose reality is mixed with film fantasy. Other leads include a straight "Latino charmer" and an older female photographer. Shooting begins in New York in September. Anyone interested should send resume and photos to Ela at 594 Broadway, #908, N.Y. N.Y. 10012. (If you get hired, don't forget to drop off 10 percent — in cash — to our offices before you head to the Big Apple.)

Our **New York operative** ran into Ela at an advance screening for the Spanish comedy *Mouth to Mouth*, which stars sexy **Javier Bardem** (getting to be known in Spain as **Antonio Banderas II**), who was shown to such fabulous advantage in the "naked jumbalight" scene in *Jambon, Jambon*. In *Mouth to Mouth*, Bardem plays a struggling actor who unwittingly gets involved in a gay-tinged murder plot after he takes a job as a phone-sex operator to make ends meet. The film opens in late June.

Isn't it nice that gay marriage has struck such a chord of late? Last week both the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* ran Op-Ed pieces on the subject, by noted commentators **Frank Browning** and **Robert Scheer**, respectively. Scheer was particularly pithy as he delineated the precise threat that queer marriage poses to straights: "If you've ever known a gay couple, you know that they set a very bad example. I remember trying to be heterosexually married once in the notorious Castro District of San Francisco. My wife of the time kept comparing me very unfavorably to gay spouses. They managed to earn a living, participate in civic life and still find time to do the dishes, fix the sink and even their houses. I kept telling her it's unnatural for a man to be so handy. Her unreasonably heightened expectations soon ended our marriage." ▼

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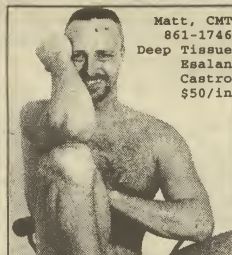
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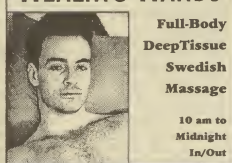
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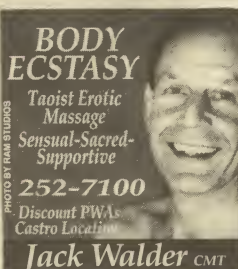


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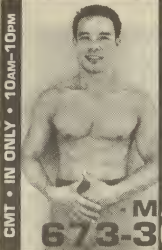
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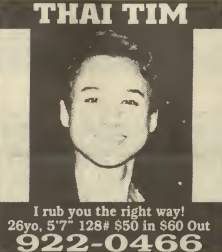
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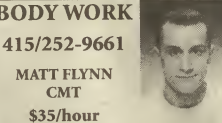
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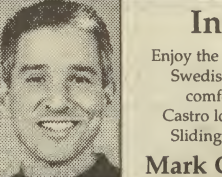
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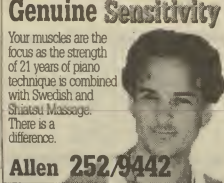
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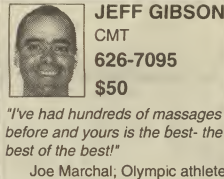
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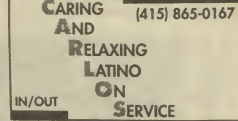
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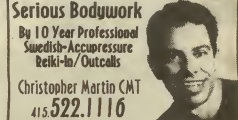
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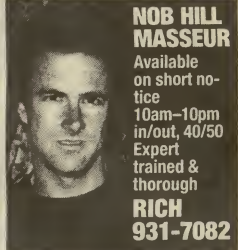
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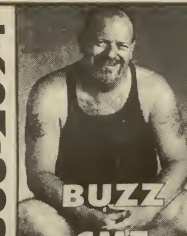
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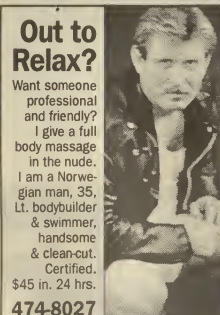


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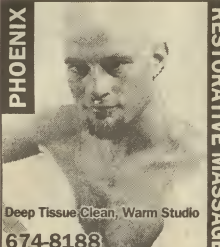


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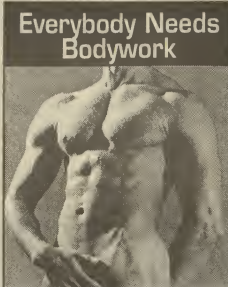
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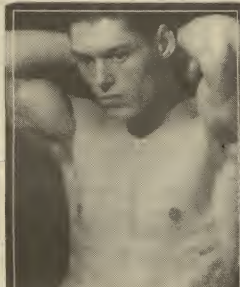
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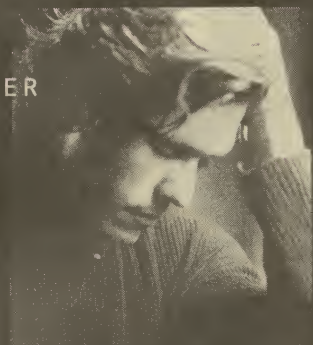
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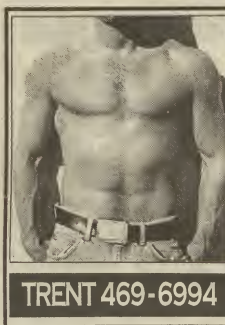
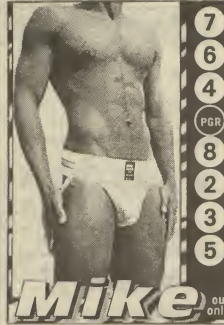
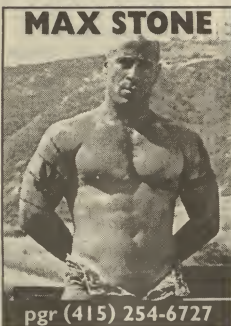
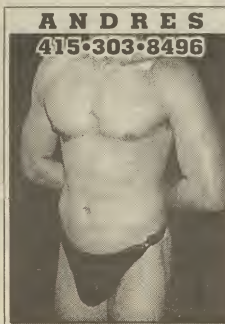
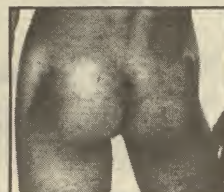
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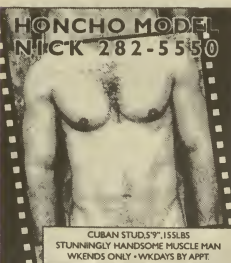
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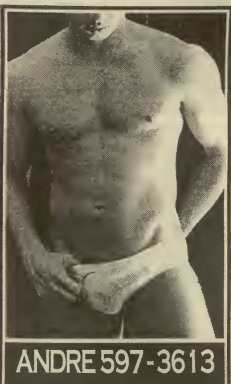


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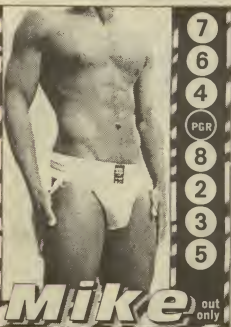
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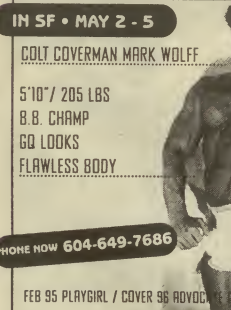


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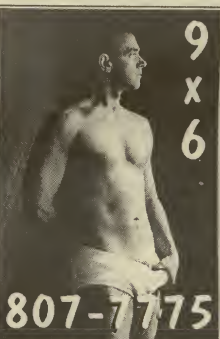
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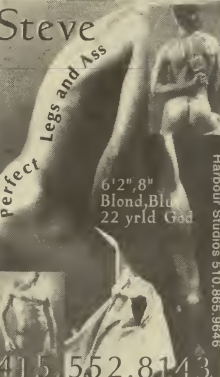
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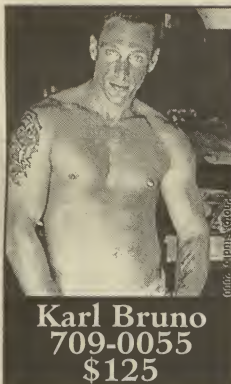
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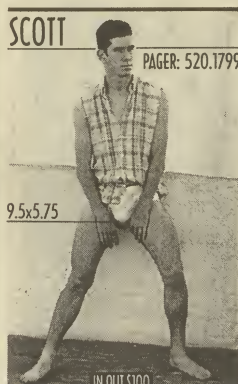
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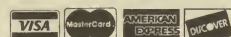
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